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DIRECTOR

A MAY BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] CALLED AT THIS OFFICE LAST SUMMER AND OFFERED TO SERVE AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FOR REMUNERATION AND WHO WAS NOT EMPLOYED THEN CALLED AT MY OFFICE TODAY AND INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS INFORMATION THAT A GANG IN CHICAGO PLANS TO KIDNAP MR GOODMAN OR THE CHILDREN OF MR GOODMAN AT INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA HE STATED THAT MR GOODMAN IS QUITE A WEALTHY MAN IN THE MANUFACTURING BUSINESS AND THAT HE IS HAVING LABOR TROUBLES AND THAT THIS GANG PLANS TO KIDNAP HIM AS SOON AS HIS LABOR TROUBLES ARE OVER. HE STATES THAT ONE QILLIE HEENEY CHICAGO UNDERWORLD CHARACTER IS THE HEAD OF THIS RING AND THAT THE SPOT WHERE GOODMAN IS TO BE HELD IN NEAR ST JOSEPH MICHIGAN. I OFFERED TO EMPLOY THIS INFORMANT AND HE STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH EMPLOYMENT BUT THAT HE WAS GOING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH MR CONNELLEY IN INDIANAPOLIS AND HE STATES HE WILL SEE MR GOODMAN IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO SEE THAT HE IS PROPERLY PROTECTED AND TO SECURE ANY INFORMATION POSSIBLE IN THE EVENT [REDACTED]

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ADDITIONAL MESSAGE

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May 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Blake called from Dallas and advised that he had a new confidential informant he would like to use in the new case; that he [redacted] and was [redacted] on [redacted] that he is of the opinion that this informant might prove to be of value and requested authorization to employ him for a period of 10 days at a cost of \$3.00 a day. He stated that if at the end of that time he proved valueless he would terminate his services but if he produced he would retain him. He was authorized to employ this informant.

Mr. Blake stated that he had temporarily suspended his confidential informant because his contacts had become [redacted] about his being in Dallas for such a long period.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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April 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the teletype message received from Mr. Clegg at St. Paul advising that he had an informant named [redacted] who was well thought of by the underworld and whose services he could obtain for \$50.00 a week for the next two weeks, but it would be necessary to furnish him with an automobile, I talked to Mr. Clegg who advised that the informant in question seemed to be quite reliable; that he had been arrested on one occasion in St. Paul in connection with a bank robbery and had been [redacted] but would not talk, as a result of which the underworld had considerable confidence in him. In addition to the \$50.00 a week, however, it will be necessary to supply the informant with an automobile to make connections in his previous "old haunts". Mr. Clegg was quite enthusiastic over this informant and believed that he would be able to produce. He stated they would have to permit the informant to hire an automobile for this purpose because the cars attached to the Division's office all bear certain license plates which, if checked, could be determined to be official cars. The employment of this informant was authorized.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

May 2, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In conformity with authority extended by the
Division, I have employed [redacted] for a period of
10 days at \$3.00 a day - to furnish confidential infor-
mation concerning CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1211.

[redacted] is an ex-convict from the Texas Peniten-
tiary, having been sentenced from Vernon, Texas [redacted]
to a term of [redacted] - alleged to have been
committed at [redacted] Texas on [redacted] He was pardoned
from the Texas Penitentiary on [redacted] and tells me that he
knows Clyde Barrow, and also knew Buck Barrow when an inmate
of that institution. He is [redacted] years of age.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

May 2, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:-

I have deemed it advisable to temporarily
discontinue the employment of [redacted] in connection
with the CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW matter, due to the fact
that his extended presence at the home of [redacted]
[redacted] was exciting some comment.

I will probably at a later date again bring
this individual to Dallas for another effort to secure
additional information concerning Barrow.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 15, 1934.

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Mr. D. Brantley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

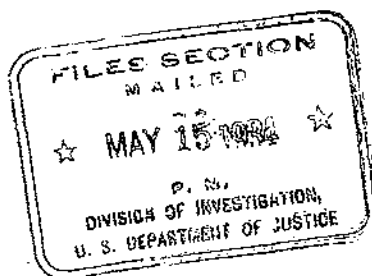
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 1, 1934 concerning confidential underworld contacts.

I wish to thank you for the suggestions made concerning the above subject matter and believe that they are valuable suggestions. They will be given further consideration after the letter of April 23, 1934 has been acknowledged by the other field offices.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 23, 1934 in which the Division refers to the desirability of establishing confidential underworld contacts to be used as circumstances may require. I certainly concur in the opinion expressed with respect to this matter and believe that this will be one of the most efficacious methods of obtaining information concerning underworld characters and gangsters, and I believe that the matter should be pursued vigorously.

It is my opinion that as the names of individuals are obtained who can be considered as confidential informants with respect to underworld activities, that the background of such individual be obtained and stated, as briefly as possible, on a card bearing his name, such background to include the particular field of activity in which this character can obtain information, the names of the criminals with whom he consorts or has consorted, the number of times he has been in the penitentiary, if any, and where and on what charges, and such other and further pertinent data as is possible to obtain concerning him.

Experience has shown that some particular informant possibly has been dealing with one specific police officer in a given town for a number of years, and that it is, on occasions, highly undesirable to effect a contact with him through any other individual. Where the cooperation of reliable police officers who have valuable contacts can be obtained, I think it should be done, and if it appears that an effort to develop this particular informant by the Division could not be effected very readily, that we should utilize these sources.

Where sources of information of this kind are available, I think it should be indicated on the card bearing the name of the informant the police officer through whom he can be contacted. I do not mean to imply by these statements that we should subordinate the Division or depend entirely upon police officers for our sources of information or our contacts with informants who have access to the underworld, but I state these exceptions for I know that they exist.



Experience also has shown that there are some informants who do not desire and on occasions will not divulge information concerning their associates or members of the underworld to but one specific person. I believe that in instances of this kind, the name of the particular agent or employee of the Division concerning whom a given informant will discuss matters freely should be indicated. Of course, in such instances, every effort should be made to bring about circumstances where such informants will be available to more than one employee.

Special Agent E. M. Black of this office has indicated to me that perhaps it might be advisable to maintain in each field office a separate card index system for informants who have access to the underworld; that is to say, separate and apart from the conventional source of information box now maintained in every Division office. I submit this to the Division for its consideration.

As the Division is aware, and as perhaps all Special Agents in Charge know, there are in every city of any size women who now are engaged or have in the past been engaged in the operation of bawdy houses and houses of prostitution, and who have a wide acquaintance in the underworld. What I am about to indicate perhaps may be considered as ancient and outmoded, but I believe it should be considered. These madams or proprietresses of the houses of the character hitherto mentioned are frequently called by gangsters or mobsters who come in from another city for the purpose of obtaining the names and addresses of places of entertainment, and are requested to furnish women companions for the entertainment of the visiting gangsters. I consider that such sources of information, if properly developed, could be very valuable. I submit this for the Division's consideration.

The suggestion contained in Division letter referred to that contacts of value might be developed among bookmakers and racetrack employees is a good one, and I think should be developed.

I have before me your letter of April 27, 1934, in which you instruct that a survey be made of the district covered by this office with the view to obtaining the names of young men connected with law enforcement work who might be considered as good material for appointment to Special Agents in the Division. I believe that young men of the character described will in their respective localities possess valuable sources of information, and that every effort should be made to obtain them.

Instructions have been issued to every Special Agent of this office to put forth extra efforts to obtain the names of individuals who

might have access to the underworld and who can be developed into reliable sources of information.

It has occurred to me that perhaps every Special Agent of this Division is acquainted with persons in the locality in which he has made his home who would be valuable sources of information to the Division, but has never submitted them. Illustrative of what I mean: Special Agent John Doe whose home is in Portland, Oregon, but who is now assigned to the Boston, Massachusetts office, may know of persons in Portland who could be developed into sources of confidential information with respect to the underworld. I submit this for the Division's consideration.

The instructions contained in your letter with respect to these matters will be given my personal and careful consideration, and developments in respect thereto will be reported to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge. *WGB*

Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

April 16, 1934

MR. NATHAN....
MR. TOLSON....
MR. CLEGG....
MR. COWLEY....
MR. EDWARDS....
MR. EGAN....
MR. QUINN....
MR. LESTER....
CHIEF CLERK....
MR. ROBER....

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter to you dated today concerning
Confidential informant by the name of [redacted]

The information furnished me recently by this informant was
to the effect that a person known to other underworld characters as
"Crip" had arrived in Chicago. He described this individual as being
50 years of age and that Crip hangs around Kansas City and St. Paul.
[redacted] understands that the reason he is called Crip is because he is
crippled in some fashion. He has not seen Crip himself but gains his
information from [redacted] He stated that the entire gang was made
up of men, known as follows:

"Kansas City Tom"
"Nick"
"John Wagan"
"Frank from Kansas City"
"Harry Levine, alias Rubben Bass"
"Crip"
a girl by the name of "Fisher"

The Fisher woman's people are supposed to operate an auto parts store
on Ogden Avenue in Chicago.

The informant states that he has received information to the
effect that Crip is from St. Paul and was the finger man in the Bremer
kidnaping case. He also stated that Sam Lederer told him that Pat
Roach had closed his office on April 10, 1934 and the reason for his
closing same was that "some of his men might kill somebody and that
would ruin Pat Roach".

The informant also informed me that [redacted] received

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This informant also informed me that Hagan has a lot of machine guns and ammunition on his farm near Collins, Missouri.

While Mr. Ladd of the St. Louis Office was in Chicago recently, he informed me that Mr. Ross Saunders, who is connected with the Illinois State Police, had called on him in St. Louis on several occasions and that he had gained information to the effect that Saunders borrows money from a prostitute in East St. Louis by the name of Bess Newman. He also states that he has received information to the effect that Saunders used Bess Newman's car recently in a trip to Joliet, Illinois.

Mr. Ladd also informed me that Art Newman, the husband of Bess Newman is now in Joliet on a bank robbery charge.

The above information is submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

MHP/fvv

cc H.H.Clegg,
St. Paul, Minn.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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May 7, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY *gpc*

On May 5, 1934, the Division received a telegram from T. P. Sullivan, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Springfield, Illinois, requesting the complete record of one [redacted] Police Department [redacted] and requesting that the reply be sent by night letter. There has been prepared in the Identification Unit a telegram addressed to Mr. Sullivan setting forth the criminal record, as reflected in the files of the Identification Unit, which shows this individual to be wanted by the police of Newark, New Jersey for [redacted] and also wanted by the Police Department, Los Angeles, California, for [redacted]

On April 10, 1934, the Division was requested to furnish the Chicago Office with a photograph and criminal record of this individual, who has been identified by Mr. Purvis as the same individual used by the Chicago Office as an informant.

Under date of June 21, 1933, the Chicago Office addressed a letter to the Kansas City Office, wherein it is noted that [redacted] another informant of the Chicago Office, advised that [redacted] to proceed to Kansas City with a view to contacting members of the Johnnie/Lazia gang in an attempt to ascertain if members of that gang participated in the Kansas City Massacre, or whether information regarding the identity of the murderers could be obtained through that source. The description of [redacted] is set forth in this letter, and it is noted that [redacted] is reported to have quite a criminal record and may be wanted in New Jersey for robbery. The letter also sets forth that [redacted] is known to W. H. Davenport of the United States Secret Service in Kansas City..

In the letter of the Chicago Office, dated June 26, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, it is stated that [redacted] has advised that he would have [redacted] contact the Kansas City Office at the earliest possible date and submit information of value that he may have obtained.

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Under date of June 30, 1933, a special delivery letter was directed to the Kansas City Office advising that [] using the name of [] had personally called at the Chicago Office to advise that he was proceeding on that date to Kansas City, Missouri, at the request of Roy Lapitz, a representative of the Burns Detective Agency. The letter also sets forth that [] furnished information to the effect that he had recently been in Kansas City and had received information there that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti participated in the shooting, and that immediately after the murders, Floyd and his companion were concealed by Johnnie Lazia; that about eight hours after the shooting, Lazia assisted Floyd and Richetti in leaving Kansas City. This letter also sets forth that [] called at the Chicago Office apparently for the purpose of obtaining protection while at Kansas City, inasmuch as he was fearful that Chief of Detectives Higgins, and other local police, might arrest him while he was associating with other underworld characters; that [] was reluctant to furnish any information relative to the charges on which he is wanted; that he was informed this Division would not endeavor to protect him from arrest by law enforcement officials and that in the event he furnished information of value the Kansas City Police would be advised of the same, in the event inquiries were made regarding him.

Under date of November 14, 1933, the Kansas City Office addressed a letter to the Chicago Office reporting a conversation heard over the telephone of Frank B. Mulloy, one of the individuals under indictment in connection with the Kansas City Massacre Case, with an individual identified as [] who was registered in Room [] of the Claridge Hotel, and from the conversation it was apparent that [] was evidently friendly with Mulloy and other members of this group prior to the date of the Kansas City Massacre.

It is my understanding that [] was used as an informant by the Chicago Office up to April 10, 1934, but I do not know whether he is now being used as such.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

April 23, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Division's letter of March 26, 1934, and the Division's letter of April 11, 1934, regarding the employment of confidential informants by this office, this is to advise that on February 24, 1934, M.H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office interviewed one, [redacted]

[redacted] at the Chicago Division Office. He was informed by [redacted] that he knew FRISCO "DUTCH" STEINHARDT of St. Paul, Minnesota, who is known to be a hoodlum connection. He advised that he had been a pickpocket and thief the greater part of his life, he now being [redacted] years of age, and that a few nights prior to interviewing Mr. Purvis he had been robbed of quite a sum of money which he, himself, had stolen. As a consequence, he decided that he would no longer be a thief and requested an opportunity to show whether he could produce anything of value to this Division.

FRISCO "DUTCH" STEINHARDT was himself a pickpocket for many years, in Chicago, and, at one time, [redacted]. It evidently is a fact that he and FRISCO "DUTCH" have been acquainted for many years and are probably good friends. In view of the fact that FRISCO "DUTCH" has been contacted by the leading, roving, criminals operating throughout the Middle West, it was believed that [redacted] might be of some service to this Division in connection with the BREMER case. Consequently, he was given \$10.00 by Mr. Purvis, and transportation from Chicago to St. Paul, which amounted to \$14.39. The above information is contained in detail in a letter dated February 26, 1924, to the Division from the Chicago Office. Attached to that letter was a copy of the criminal record of [redacted] which is here set out:

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
CHIEF CLERK	✓
MR. RORER	✓

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On the arrival of [] in St. Paul, he was interviewed by Inspector Rorer and Special Agent O. G. Hall. He has been interviewed from time to time and has furnished some information but of no particular value; but he has been handicapped by reason of the fact that FRISCO "DUTCH", shortly after the arrival of the informant, left the Twin Cities because of a gambling probe and has since been in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The informant lived for a time at the [] but is now living at [] notorious for the fact that hoodlums live in them. He was first interviewed at this office on February 27, 1934. He is still in the employ of this office as an informant and has been paid the following sums:

By Inspector Rorer	\$ 16.00
By Agent Hall	125.00

making a total of \$141.00. The purpose of employing this informant was to use him in connection with the BREMER case. However, for the reasons outlined above, he has not been of great service. He has furnished information from time to time regarding the police in the Twin Cities and some information in the DILLINGER case.

Examination of his criminal record will disclose that he served a sentence at Folsom Prison in California. It was at this prison that some members of the TOUHY mob first met. The informant claims to have an acquaintance with those mobsters, and evidently does.

The above portion of this letter was dictated by Special Agent Hall and prefaced his conclusion that a decision would be reached soon as to the prospective value of this informant in the future, at which time the Division will be notified as to a recommendation for his continued services.

I am modifying this recommendation, however, to the effect that it is my opinion that the cost of this informant is not great and he is one of very few informants who are available in the Twin Cities; and although his information has been meager, it has been impossible for him to contact the party he hoped to see. ~~A~~ recommend the continuation of his services until further notice.

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, May 1, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of, and replying to, your personal and confidential letter of April 23, 1934, in regard to underworld contacts for Division work, I would respectfully state that these have been maintained so fully as possible by the Butte Office at all times, as I have always considered them a necessary adjunct to our information securing.

I would respectfully add, as this letter asks for suggestions, that the Agent making a contact with underworld characters be not compelled to list the name of his contact unless it is in some material sense necessary. I have found that almost invariably the question is asked of any of us, "Will my name be put in what you write?" At times the request is placed practically upon the Agent's honor that he will not divulge the name of his informant to anyone. It is very hard to break this sort of a promise. Again, these underworld informants as a rule are worthless to anyone except the Agent who has in some way secured their confidence or to whom they are under obligation. I have persons from whom I can secure information, who, under no circumstances, would tell anybody else; such is also the case with Agents Costello and Bryon. One informant of Agent Bryon, as he tells me, would be so much offended if somebody else was sent to him by Agent Bryon that he would probably accompany the Agent to some place where it was safe and the Agent would not return. In addition, it makes the underworld informant suspicious if anybody else approaches him and he wonders how much the Agent he was friendly with has divulged as to his connection with giving information.

I would appreciate a letter from the Director advising how far this may be carried without objection by the Division. The information secured by an Agent from an underworld informant, who will talk to no one else, is good only so far as the information goes and the entering of the name of the informant can, to my mind, serve no good purpose to anyone else, as the contact could not be carried on except through the Agent having the confidence of the underworld informant.

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Of course, if there is no bar the name should be listed in the ordinary course of procedure as a confidential informant, but I believe that a letter from the Division allowing some latitude in cases, as outlined above, would be beneficial. Naturally, the contacts change, conditions change, and it would be impossible to outline a program which would fit this class of contacts.

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
APRIL 30, 1934.

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MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
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MR. RORER...

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letters dated March 26, 1934 and April 11, 1934 with reference to request by the Division to be furnished with information relative to confidential informants employed by the Kansas City Office since January 1, 1932.

Considerable delay in furnishing this information was occasioned by the search of all available sources of this information in the Kansas City Office and correspondence with Special Agents in Charge of the San Francisco, San Antonio and Oklahoma City Offices, in order to assemble complete data relative to informants employed in the Kansas City territory in connection with various investigations here. There has been no central source of this information maintained in the Kansas City Files heretofore.

It is found from a review of the blue slips rendered by various agents in this office in expense accounts showing confidential items paid for the period in question, and from the review of other sources, that the following confidential informants have been so employed since January 1, 1932 in the Kansas City territory:

January 27, 1932, in the case of WILL GREEN (DECEASED) with aliases, ET AL - PROCURING ESCAPE OF FEDERAL PRISONERS, Special Agents F. J. Lackey and Hugh Larimer, while at Windsor, Ontario, Canada, paid to [redacted]

[redacted] the sum of \$25.00 for the purpose of securing at that time information in possession of [redacted] relative to the place and method of contact which had been had by Harold Fontaine and his accomplices when they had participated in and executed a plan to ship firearms into the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. The information was necessary also as a means of locating certain fugitives in connection with that case.

[redacted] served a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and was subsequent to his release several years ago, [redacted] he being a [redacted] Subject. He is well acquainted with members of the so-called "Frank

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Nash Gang", and in the case wherein he was approached as an informant by the agents he was believed sincere and dependable.

[redacted] was at that time a prospective employee of [redacted] to be used by them in the capacity of a confidential informant. In connection with informant [redacted] reference may be had to a memorandum dated January 28, 1932, in the case of Will Green, with aliases, Et al, rendered by Special Agent F. J. Lackey in the Detroit Office, a copy of which is in the Division file of that case.

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During November 1932 Special Agent in Charge R.E. Vetterli, at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the case entitled ANTHONY FERRARA, ET AL - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, paid at various times and in various amounts the total sum of \$71.00 to [redacted]

[redacted] This payment was made to [redacted] for services rendered by him as a confidential informant in securing data from certain underworld characters in Kansas City, Missouri; Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Chicago, Illinois, relative to their activities in transporting women for immoral purposes and stolen cars in interstate commerce. The services of [redacted] for which this payment of money was made, extended from September 1, 1932, to November 30, 1932, and during that time he made one trip from Kansas City, Missouri to Tulsa, Oklahoma and return, and three trips from Kansas City to Chicago, Illinois, and return, for the purpose of securing information in that case.

[redacted] is a professional "informant" and he seeks employment in that capacity from various organizations. He sought and secured similar employment from [redacted] about two years ago and was placed on the payroll by that company to secure data for [redacted]

[redacted] an attorney of the [redacted] who employed [redacted] has stated to an agent of this Division that he believes [redacted] totally unreliable, based upon his experiences with him. [redacted] claims to have numerous underworld contacts but in the instance of his employment by this office his services were discontinued because of his failure to produce.

Special Agent Hal D. Bray on July 8, 1932, paid to [redacted] the sum of \$4.00 in lieu of ex-

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penses of travel spent by her in proceeding from Meta, Missouri, to Lebanon, Missouri, and return, a total distance of 200 miles. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] had been, prior to that time, in possession of about 40 gallons of whiskey in violation of the National Prohibition Act and was evidently in the bootlegging business. Joe McBride, Subject in the case of Joe McBride, et al, IMPERSONATION, in which case [redacted] acted as an informant. [redacted]

[redacted] had in her possession. She appeared at Lebanon, Missouri, pursuant to Agent Bray's request, where she saw and identified McBride as the impersonator who [redacted] Her services as an informant were used only on July 8, 1932, and it was necessary to employ her in this manner because McBride was not then in Federal custody.

In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - on August 14, 1933, Special Agent W. F. Trainor paid to the Missouri State Fair Association at Sedalia, Missouri, the sum of \$2.00 for a Season Ticket to the State Fair, which was given to [redacted] who had appeared at the Kansas City Office and alleged that he was in position to make contact with criminal characters on the Fair Grounds at Sedalia, which parties he claimed were harboring and associating with Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Subject of Division Identification Order Number 1194. [redacted] claimed that these parties intended to rob the Fair Association and that his presence at the Fair Grounds was all that would be necessary for him to make the contacts and that thereby he could secure information regarding the exact time that Floyd was at a certain camp in the Osage River country near Warsaw, Missouri. He described the location of the Camp and after three days on the Fair Grounds he furnished alleged information that he had learned that Floyd was very probably then at the Camp in question. A posse of officers went to the location described by [redacted] having taken the informant along. [redacted] admitted, when it was found there was no such camp located at that spot, that he had falsified and offered as his motive the fact that he had desired to be in the company of officers. He apparently has a complex along the line of crime detection and is not considered in any manner reliable or a dependable informant.

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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - on October 2, 1933, at Kansas City, Missouri. Special Agent W. F. Trainor paid to [redacted]

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[redacted] the sum of \$1.00 for services rendered by [redacted] in furnishing information to the Agents as to the time when guests of Room 644 (in which room it was desired to install a dictaphone) were temporarily absent from the room. He was able to knock at the door and to enter when no answer was given by the occupant without arousing suspicion, and in this manner his assistance was very valuable in the investigation.

[redacted] has been in the employ of [redacted] for over one year. He is an experienced [redacted] and is trusted with confidential information by [redacted]. He demonstrated great competency in handling matters of this kind in his activities in this case. His services were utilized for a period of about five days on and after October 2, 1933.

In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - on November 10, 1933, this office paid to [redacted]

[redacted] in the form of U. S. Treasury Check, payable to him, the amount of \$100.00 for his services which were given with the sanction and knowledge of his employer, in securing and furnishing information to this office regarding [redacted]

[redacted] which information is usually held as confidential [redacted] His services have been rendered to this office from June 17, 1933, to the present date. He has been of valuable assistance and has had [redacted] in [redacted] prior to his employment with [redacted] about four years ago. The payment was made as a token of appreciation by the Division through authority received from the Director.

In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, Special Agent R. C. Suran, on January 14, 1934, paid to [redacted] an ex-convict, of [redacted] [redacted] the sum of \$5.00 in lieu of railroad fare and subsistence in a trip from Topeka, Kansas, to Kansas City, Missouri, made by

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[] for the purpose of assisting this office. [] was sent to Kansas City to locate a friend of Alvin Karpis, the surname of which individual was unknown to [] but with whom he claims to be acquainted. He knows that individual only as "Frank". [] made the trip to Kansas City and made contact while here with this office. He furnished certain indefinite information that could not at the time be checked, and promised to return within a few days which he failed to do. However, [] is believed to actually have the contacts which he claims in this connection.

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[] served in the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, with Alvin Karpis, having been released about [] years ago. [] and is about [] years old. He is of the underworld type, quite discreet in his disposition and possesses a boyish appearance. He has furnished to the Police Department and the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas, in the past, information that has resulted in the solution of important offenses. It is believed, however, that he works best through fear of punishment --- therefore, his best activities are had by police who possess a certain amount of leverage over him.

[] was paid \$1.50 two days after the \$5.00 sum was given him by Agent Suran in order that he might return to Topeka, Kansas, the latter sum being his railroad fare.

[] again returned to Kansas City, Missouri, on February 19, 1934, when he was reminded of the completion of his mission by the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas. He remained in Kansas City, Missouri, on the latter occasion from February 19 to February 23, 1934, and was furnished \$13.00 by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of this office, in the form of cash, for the purpose of paying his lodging and meals during the period February 19 to 23, 1934. This sum also included his railroad fare back to Topeka on the latter date. [] failed to secure tangible information regarding the Karpis contact in Kansas City, but he furnished information that it has been impossible to definitely verify or disprove to date regarding individuals in the Italian underworld at Kansas City, whose surnames he claims not to know but whom he states are contacts of Alvin Karpis.

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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, as mentioned above, on November 18, 1933, []

[] was paid \$24.42 as reimbursement to him for traveling ex-

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penses and meals and lodging for a trip made by him from November 4 to 10, 1933, when he traveled from Wellsville, Kansas to Eldorado, Kansas and return, in the interest of securing the location of Wilbur Underhill, a Subject of the case in question. He made the trip in his personal automobile and the above amount paid was for actual expenses on his car, plus a reasonable allowance for meals and lodging.

[] is considered conscientious and has been successful several times through his informants in locating and causing the apprehension of notorious criminals. His trip in the instance here mentioned was for the purpose of making contacts with confidential informants of his who were expected to disclose information which they might have relative to Underhill's location.

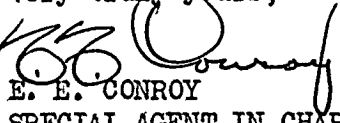
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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, as mentioned heretofore, [] on March 21, 1934, was paid the sum of \$1.00 at Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of paying his street car fare to various points in the city in order that he might make contacts at various "speakeasies" where he claimed to be able to secure information regarding the whereabouts of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Subject of Division Identification Order Number 1194.

[] was partially intoxicated when he returned to the Kansas City Office later on the same day after receiving the above amount of money and he had no tangible or reasonable information to offer. He is considered a drunkard and a typical "chiseler".

Other confidential informants who were furnished certain amounts of money for services performed in connection with the case of VERNON C. MILLER, et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - are outlined in a letter dated April 6, 1934, addressed by Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones from the San Antonio Office to the Kansas City Office, a copy of which was transmitted to the Division, and reference thereto is hereby made.

Very truly yours,


E. E. CONROY

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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F. O. Box #706,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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April 10th, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Re: John Herbert Dillinger, I. O. #1817, et al;
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

With reference to my telephone conversation with Mr. Cowley of the Division today, it is believed that effective results can be obtained through informants [redacted] who have been developed as a result of our having contacted a [redacted] of [redacted] namely, [redacted] employed at the [redacted] [redacted], who had previously agreed to furnish us with information should Dillinger and others appear at Hamilton, Ohio. However, apparently he could not produce the results he expected, and endeavor was made to obtain this information from his [redacted] and she of her own volition approached Special Agent E. B. Klein, who was present on a previous occasion when the [redacted] place was raided at approximately the same time Dillinger was apprehended at Tucson, Arizona, and suggested that she believed she could establish connection with the members of this gang and place Dillinger where we could locate him.

These people at the present time are financially embarrassed and have no money to carry on any operations at their own expense.

[redacted] is the daughter of [redacted]
[redacted] and a place at which Dillinger and the others were staying immediately after they had murdered Sheriff Sarber at Lima, Ohio. As will be recalled, about October 16, 1933 this place was raided by the Indiana State Police, based upon information furnished by the [redacted] that these parties were then located at the address in question. At the time Dillinger and the others were hiding out at Hamilton, Ohio, [redacted]
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[redacted] for these persons and [redacted] in which they were hiding out. Later [redacted] together with other relatives, namely, [redacted] [redacted] were at [redacted] at [redacted] from which place they returned to [redacted] about one month before Dillinger and the others were apprehended at Tucson, Arizona.

This woman is very well acquainted with Mary Kinder, 516 Luett St., Indianapolis, Indiana, who now claims to be married to Harry Pierpont, recently convicted of murder at Lima, Ohio and held in the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio. Also, she is acquainted with Pearl Elliott, wife of Dewey Elliott, escape from Indiana State Penitentiary, who has undoubtedly assisted Dillinger in hiding out, and whom we are now endeavoring to locate in the vicinity of Indianapolis, Indiana upon a report that she is now apparently again assisting Dillinger.

There does not seem to be any question but that [redacted] [redacted] are very close to this gang and undoubtedly can immediately associate themselves with such as Mary Kinder, Hubert Dillinger, the brother of John Herbert Dillinger, and Pearl Elliott when she can be found, and, in fact, they may even arrange for her to [redacted] if they are hard pressed at the present time.

These parties are very hard pressed for funds at the present time and they, of course, wish to carry out anything that is done without the knowledge of [redacted] or, in fact, the other members of their own family, and they have suggested that a cheap car be obtained which they can use for transportation to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they will concern themselves with locating [redacted] [redacted] for a visit, and thereafter they will contact as many or this gang as they know and learn any and all details of what is going on. They have suggested that if a car can be arranged for Thursday, April 12th, they will proceed to Indianapolis at that time, and she believes that she can be back at Hamilton, Ohio by Monday, April 16th, with the desired information.

As per my conversation with Mr. Cowley, we will advance them \$25.00 cash as a payment on a cheap automobile, and \$30.00 as expense money, in order to determine if they can develop anything under this plan.

As to the matter of what they shall receive in the way

of reward or payment for services rendered in this, they understand fully that in order to obtain anything it is necessary that the information be supplied to us whereby these parties can be taken into custody, and they have advised that whatever the Division believes just and reasonable thereafter will be acceptable to them.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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March 29, 1934

MR. NATHAN
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MR. ROBER
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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated March 26, 1934 in which you request information concerning the employment of confidential informants by this office for the period since January 1, 1932, I am attaching hereto in duplicate memorandum submitted by Special Agent Wayne Merrick having reference to confidential informant [redacted]

In addition to the above named informant, there has been employed constantly by this office since January 1, 1932, Confidential Informant [redacted] his salary since that date being \$4.00 per day (Sundays and holidays included). He has not been employed in connection with any particular case, but secures generally information in a confidential manner. He also submits an expense account each month which contains, outside of his salary, such items as street car fares, telephone calls, charges for pamphlets, etc., which account is paid for by the Division.

In addition to the above, I am not at present aware of any other confidential informants employed by this office since January 1, 1932.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
NEW YORK CITY

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March 29, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE F. X. FAY

Re: Informant [redacted]

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In accordance with the request contained in Division letter, requesting information concerning the identity of and amounts paid to various informants employed during the past year by the New York Division office, please be advised that through arrangements made by this office with the Division, Informant [redacted] arrived in New York City on August 17, 1933 and his services were used in connection with the investigation of the John J. O'Connell Kidnaping case, New York file #7-9, title of case being MANNY STREWEL with aliases, et al., John J. O'Connell, Jr. - Victim, Kidnaping.

As a result of the information secured by [redacted] in connection with this case, the apprehension of Leonard Scarnici, Anthony Reino and Charles Herzog alias Shore was effected on September 19, 1933. Subsequently Scarnici was convicted of first degree murder for the killing of Detective James Stevens during the commission of the bank robbery of the Rensselaer County Bank and Trust Company, Rensselaer, N. Y., on May 29, 1933. Scarnici is now incarcerated in Sing Sing Prison, where he is to be electrocuted sometime during the week of April 15, 1934. In the first trial of Scarnici, which was had at Troy, N. Y. in December, 1933, Reino and Shore were acquitted and they were subsequently returned to New York City to stand trial for bank robbery and were convicted and are now incarcerated in the Tombs, New York City, awaiting sentence.

Through information furnished by Informant [redacted] [redacted] in connection with the O'Connell kidnaping case, [redacted] testified for the State of New York in the trial of Manny Strewel at Albany, N. Y. on March 7, 1934 and, according to the District Attorney of Albany County, the successful prosecution of Strewel depended largely upon the testimony given by [redacted] This testimony

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disclosed that in February, 1933, [] was present in a New York City hotel during a discussion of the kidnaping of O'Connell between Manny Strewl and one Philip Ziegler. John Oley was also present at this meeting in the hotel but during the discussion of the O'Connell kidnaping he had left the room.

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Between the dates of August 17 and August 24, 1933 inclusive, Informant [] was paid the sum of \$81.45; also, on September 30, 1933, he was paid the sum of \$35.00, and on November 7, 1933, the sum of \$4.00. Total sum paid to [] by agents of the New York Division office who were reimbursed by the Division was \$120.45.

W. Merrick
W. MERRICK,
Special Agent.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
From: UNIT #1 Room 420
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☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
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☐ Unit Four
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☐ Personnel Files Section
☐ Equipment Section
☐ Chief Clerk's Office
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☐ Technical Laboratory
☐ Mr. Baughman
☐ Mr. Cowley
☒ Mr. Little
☐ Mr. Lowdon
☐ Mr. Newby
☐ Mr. Smith
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☐ Miss Gandy
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May 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the expense account of Special Agent J. F. McDevitt, for the month of April.

It is noted that this account contains four confidential expense items, representing payments made to one a confidential informant.

The Division desires that it receive immediate advice as to any payments made to confidential informants, and unless the circumstances make it impossible to do so, prior authorization for all such expenditures should be procured.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 3, 1934

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS OF
THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION OFFICE :

The Division has informed me that it is desirable that contacts be established with the underworld in all territory covered by the Division offices and that steps should be taken at once to build up the sources of information in the underworld so that when the emergency arises necessary access thereto can be had.

It appears that hitherto practically all of our sources of confidential informants were with respectable people.

It is requested, therefore, that if at this time you have the names of underworld characters who can be considered as reliable and dependable in furnishing information with respect to criminals and outlaws that you consult Mr. Black or myself with respect thereto. If you have in mind such persons, you should furnish their names, their addresses as well as such back ground as you have concerning them; that is to say, what their contacts with the underworld are and why they have them, whether they have served time in any penitentiary or penal institution, giving the charges upon which convicted and the names and identity of the classes of outlaws to whom they would have access. This is to include women as well as men.

During the course of your work you should ever be mindful of the fact that it is the desire of the Division to build up contacts with the underworld, as indicated, and where it appears that you have located a potential contact of this kind, you should discreetly, tactfully, diplomatically and judiciously make an effort to develop it to a point where he or she can be rendered servicable to the Division.

These instructions, however, are not to be construed as conferring upon any Agent authority to make any promiscuous promises of immunity or otherwise to any subject under investigation or to any individual, as no such authority is given any Division representative.

Very truly yours,

DB
DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division

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1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
May 5, 1934.

GTJ/ML

Mr. H. H. Clegg,
Inspector,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
232 Post Office Bldg.,

H. S. LEE MAN
Unlawful Poss. Govt. Prop.
JOHN DILLINGER ET AL
Nat. N. M. V. T. Act

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of memoranda
submitted today by Special Agents F. J. Lackey and C. R.
Davis.

A further check is being made here and additional
information will be conveyed to you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

cc Division-Air Mail
Chicago
Dallas
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Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM

H. S. LESHAN,
Unlawful Poss. Govt. Prop.

San Antonio, Texas.
May 8, 1934.

JOHN DILLINGER ET AL.,
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Referring to the above entitled investigation, Agent C. R. Davis ascertained through [redacted] Confidential Informant, residing at [redacted]

[redacted] listed in telephone directory as [redacted] that the Identification Order No. 1828 of George Nelson with aliases was identical with the party whom she knew as Jimmie Williams. She stated that in the months of November and December, 1933, Jimmie Williams was in San Antonio, Texas, with Charles W. Fisher alias H. L. Keith and J. C. McLarkin, who she positively identified as being the same party as Tommie Carroll; that she saw Jimmie Williams only on one occasion and that he was at that time in an Essex Terraplane; that from the conversation that occurred between Keith and Carroll, Jimmie was also called "Big Boy."

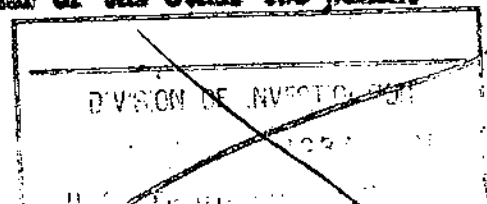
[redacted] information was that when the gang first came to San Antonio that J. C. McLarkin registered at the Robert E. Lee Hotel and H. L. Keith registered at the Blue Bonnet Hotel but she was under the impression that the others in the gang registered at some apartment or Tourist Camp.

She was shown the photograph of Homer Van Meter, Chicago Police #11861 and she stated that she had seen this party with Jimmie Williams, J. C. McLarkin and Keith and that they called him "Wayne." She stated that the photograph of Homer Van Meter on I. O. #1232 was not a good resemblance of Homer Van Meter and the party whom she knew as Wayne.

[redacted] stated that while Jimmie Williams, McLarkin, Keith and the party Wayne were in San Antonio that she was the party who informed the Police Department about McLarkin being at the Blue Bonnet Hotel and Keith being at the Aurora Apartments, and it was through her information that the City Police were sent to apprehend Keith and Carroll on the afternoon of December 11th, when Carroll, known as McLarkin, killed City Detective H. C. Farrow and wounded City Detective Hartman.

[redacted] stated that in conversation heard between McLarkin and Keith that while Jimmie and Wayne were here they purchased a fox terrier puppy and a German Police puppy.

Upon receipt of the photograph of Mrs. Joe. J. Marr with alias, Marie Marion Comforti, with alias, and Ann Rothman, [redacted] positively identified the photograph of Marie Marion Comforti as the woman whom she had seen in the Essex Terraplane with Jimmie Williams and Wayne on one occasion. She stated that she was unable to identify either of the other two persons.



On the afternoon of April 28, Agent J. R. Davis proceeded to the County Jail with the photograph of Homer Van Meter, I. O. #1222 which was exhibited to [redacted] who positively identified same as the party who was known to him as Wayne Rittner and who was in San Antonio with Tommie Carroll, H. L. Keith, Tommie McGinnon and Jimmie Williams, and that the .45 automatic pistol turned over to SAs Sam T. Jones by [redacted] which he [redacted] was making into a machine gun was ordered by Wayne Rittner.

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On April 30th, on receipt of I. O. No. 1223 Lester M. Ollie, with aliases, Agent Davis exhibited this photograph to [redacted] at the County Jail, San Antonio, and [redacted] positively identified the photograph as being Jimmie Williams, who was with Tommie Carroll, the latter whom he knew as J. C. McArthur, and the balance of the gang at San Antonio in November and December, 1935.

[redacted] further stated that Jimmie Williams and Wayne Rittner while here purchased a fox terrier puppy and a German Police puppy for the little boy of Jimmie Williams and the little girl of Tommie McGinnon.

[redacted] stated that in the months of November and December, 1935, he was working in [redacted] and that he often saw a bunch of men at that time hanging around [redacted] store. He stated that he had seen the photograph of Tommie Carroll and H. L. Keith which had been shown him by the Police Department. That he often [redacted] Tommie Carroll and H. L. Keith and also a party who they called Jimmie and some times called him Williams. The photograph of Lester Ollie, I. O. #1223 was exhibited to [redacted] who immediately identified the same as being Jimmie Williams whom he had [redacted] on one occasion.

The Identification Order #1224 on Homer Van Meter was shown [redacted] who stated he was not positive that he had ever seen this party, however, when Chicago Police No. 11861 which carried a photograph of Homer Van Meter, was exhibited to [redacted] he immediately identified him as being one of the persons who was in [redacted] with Carroll, Keith, and Jimmie. He stated that this bunch of men were accompanied by two women and a little boy aged about 5 or 6 years and that the little boy was thought by him to be the son of Jimmie.

The photograph of Mrs. Joe. J. May with aliases, was exhibited which [redacted] immediately identified as Jimmie's wife and the little boy's mother. The photograph of Marie Marion Comfort with alias was exhibited which [redacted] identified positively as a woman who had accompanied Jimmie's wife to [redacted] on one occasion when he [redacted] He stated that at this time he heard the two women talking and they stated that they had purchased a fox terrier puppy and also a German Police puppy from some one in San Antonio.

The Robert E. Lee Hotel registration records disclose that J. C. McLarkin registered from St. Joseph, Mo., on Nov. 17, 1935, and checked out of said hotel on Dec. 6, 1935, occupying Room 208. Up to the time of writing this memorandum the account covering this registration has not been located by the Robert E. Lee Hotel, however, a search is being made for same and when located it will be checked for any additional information that the account may disclose.

The records of the Blue Bonnet Hotel were checked which shows that J. C. McLarkin, St. Joseph, Mo., checked into this hotel on Dec. 6, 1935, and was assigned to Room 407, which was occupied until Dec. 11, 1935, Account No. 15418. The account shows the following local telephone calls:

Dec. 6, 1935, to Garfield 3759. This telephone is listed under the name of Bobby Bowman, 323 1/2 North Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Dec. 7, 1935, to Garfield 3759. Same as above.

Dec. 7, 1935, to Belmont 50891. This telephone is listed under the Jefferson Barber Shop.

Dec. 9, 1935, to Belmont 51572. This telephone is listed to H. M. Lehman, 111 S. Flores Street.

Dec. 10, 1935, to Garfield 3759. Listed in the name of Bobby Bowman, 323 1/2 North Street.

Bobby Bowman, mentioned above, is the girl with whom Eddie Carroll was with on December 11, 1935, when he shot his way out killing Detective Morrow and wounding Detective Hartman.

No check has been made at the Jefferson Barber Shop to ascertain if any person there can identify any of the photographs in possession of this office of this gang.

The records at the Blue Bonnet Hotel disclose that H. L. Keith, Montato, Minn., registered at the above hotel on Nov. 25, 1935, and checked out of said hotel on Dec. 6, 1935, leaving a forwarding address to the Aurora Apartments, San Antonio. The account numbers on this are 15025 and 15271 which disclose the following local telephone calls:

Nov. 27, 1935, Cathedral 6153. This is listed to the Goodrich Tire Co., 724 Lexington.

Nov. 30, 1935, Garfield 7423. This telephone is also listed to the Goodrich Silvertone Tire Co., at the same address. It has been ascertained that while Keith was in San Antonio he purchased several automobile casings from this concern.

Dec. 6, 1933, Pasnia 6796. This telephone is listed in the name of Miss Nellie Williams, 808 N. Oliver Str. A further check will be made to ascertain the identity of Miss Nellie Williams.

This office is keeping in close contact with [redacted] who is endeavoring to obtain any information that Bobby Bowman may possess as to the whereabouts of Fernie Carroll as Bobby Bowman was madly in love with Carroll, when she knew as J. A. McLashin, while he was here in November and December, 1933.

Arrangements have been made for [redacted] in company with Bobby Bowman, in an effort to obtain any information she may have and Bobby Bowman will be interviewed at a later date.

cc:
H.M. Clegg, St. Paul. 2 Air Mail
Chicago-2.
Division-8. Air Mail
Welles
El Paso

C. E. Davis,
Special Agent.

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May 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

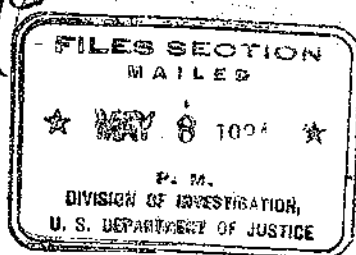
Dear Sir:

Attention is invited to Division letters dated March 26 and April 11, 1934, requesting to be advised with reference to confidential informants employed by the Washington Field Office since January 1, 1932.

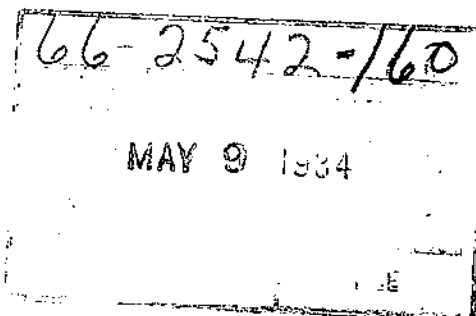
A response has not yet been received from the Washington Field Office and the same should be forthcoming immediately.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1583,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

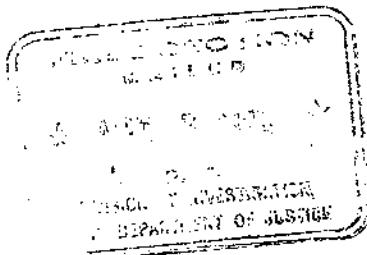
Reference is made to your letter of May 1, 1934, which is in reply to my letter of April 23, 1934, in regard to underworld contacts, wherein it is noted that you and Special Agents Costello and Bryon have a number of confidential informants who would not submit information to anyone other than the individual by whom the contact was made and that you request information as to the disposition to be made of such informants.

While it is appreciated that informants of this type are of some value to the Division by reason of the personal contact, it is, of course, obvious that the value of such informants would be greatly enhanced if they were willing to submit confidential information to any Agent of the Division. Accordingly, it is suggested that you develop informants in your district who will be willing to submit such information in addition to the informants you now have of a personal nature. A number of Special Agents in Charge have recently obtained the services of such informants who are submitting information of considerable value daily and whose services are not dependant upon any particular Agent.

In regard to your query as to the action to be taken in connection with those who are willing to serve only yourself, Agent Costello and Agent Bryon, the listing of such as confidential informants would be of no particular value to the Division. It is requested, however, that when information is obtained from these informants their names be submitted to the Division in a personal and confidential letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, May 1, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of, and replying to, your personal and confidential letter of April 23, 1934, in regard to underworld contacts for Division work, I would respectfully state that these have been maintained so fully as possible by the Butte Office at all times, as I have always considered them a necessary adjunct to our information securing.

I would respectfully add, as this letter asks for suggestions, that the Agent making a contact with underworld characters be not compelled to list the name of his contact unless it is in some material sense necessary. I have found that almost invariably the question is asked of any of us, "Will my name be put in what you write?" At times the request is placed practically upon the Agent's honor that he will not divulge the name of his informant to anyone. It is very hard to break this sort of a promise. Again, these underworld informants as a rule are worthless to anyone except the Agent who has in some way secured their confidence or to whom they are under obligation. I have persons from whom I can secure information, who, under no circumstances, would tell anybody else; such is also the case with Agents Costello and Bryon. One informant of Agent Bryon, as he tells me, would be so much offended if somebody else was sent to him by Agent Bryon that he would probably accompany the Agent to some place where it was safe and the Agent would not return. In addition, it makes the underworld informant suspicious if anybody else approaches him and he wonders how much the Agent he was friendly with has divulged as to his connection with giving information.

I would appreciate a letter from the Director advising how far this may be carried without objection by the Division. The information secured by an Agent from an underworld informant, who will talk to no one else, is good only so far as the information goes and the entering of the name of the informant can, to my mind, serve no good purpose to anyone else, as the contact could not be carried on except through the Agent having the confidence of the underworld informant.

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MR. CLEGG
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Of course, if there is no bar the name should be listed in the ordinary course of procedure as a confidential informant, but I believe that a letter from the Division allowing some latitude in cases, as outlined above, would be beneficial. Naturally, the contacts change, conditions change, and it would be impossible to outline a program which would fit this class of contacts.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. H. Dickason". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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May 7, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Under date of March 26, 1934 a form letter was transmitted to all field offices, requesting that the Division be advised concerning the employment of confidential informants by the respective offices since January 1, 1932, giving in each instance the identity of the case, detailed information concerning the informant, the dates of employment and the amount paid.

With the exception of the Washington Field Office responses have been received from all of the field offices, and a summary of the information contained therein is attached.

Respectfully,

John B. Little.

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BIRMINGHAM OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay
William Sharkey, with aliases, Deceased, et al, John Factor, Victim, Kidnaping		Frequently contacted from November 30, 1933 until about February 10, 1934	\$5 12/5/33 \$5 12/22/33 by Agent Pickard
Thomas Woody Howard, with aliases, (Character of case not indicated)		At intervals from September 25, 1933 to December 29, 1933	\$5 1/4/34

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CHARLOTTE OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay
Gaston B. Means, et al, Embezzlement	<div></div>	May, 1932	\$14.95, charged ^{b7D} on blue slip under date of 5/20/32 to compensate for loss of time, meals and other necessary items
Basil Hugh Banghart, with aliases, et al, Mail Robbery, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Theft of Government Property		December 2, 1933	\$3.65, covered by blue slip for expenses in approaching informants at Knoxville, Tennessee.

.CHICAGO OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay	
John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	[redacted]	March 6-10, 1934	\$5 per day	b7D
William Sharkey, with aliases, Deceased, et al, John Factor, Victim, Kidnaping (Checking activities of John Hagen, et al, - alleged plans to kidnap Philip K. Wrigley)	[redacted] [redacted]	Since April 5, 1934	\$7.50 per day	
John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	[redacted] acquainted with several members of Dillinger gang	Since March 22, 1934	\$10 per day	
Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping	[redacted] [redacted] - sent to St. Paul to report to Mr. Rorer	February 24, 1934	\$24.39 2/24/34	
John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	[redacted] [redacted] - sent to Columbus, Ohio to contact Special Agent H. D. Harris	Not indicated	\$65	

DALLAS OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay	b7D
Sidney B. Norwood, Fugitive, I. O. 152, Cleburne National Bank of Cleburne, Texas, National Bank Act	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] - services utterly unsatisfactory	11/21-30/32 1/1/32 - 12/11/32	11/31/32 \$51.37 11/26/32 \$40.00 12/3/32 \$51.37 1/20/33 \$31.75 Total \$174.49	
George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping	[REDACTED]	8/25/33	\$250	
George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping	[REDACTED] Address unknown - little confidence in ability or integrity	9/26/33 to 10/13/33	\$52.65	
Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to which he could gain ingress if sent to Oklahoma for the purpose of accompanying Agents to hide-out. Turned out to be a narcotic addict and services terminated.	3/3/34	\$15	

DETROIT OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay	
Manny Strewl, et al, John J. O'Connell, Jr., Victim, Kidnaping	[redacted] proceeded from Detroit to New York City, where he was engaged with Divi- sion Agents in investi- gating this case	8/14-16/33	\$50	b7D
John Klutas, I. O. 1179, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	[redacted] - elimina- tion of suspect in Windsor, Ontario, believed to be Klutas	12/5/33	\$15	
Harry Ryan, White Slave Traffic Act	[redacted]	8/21/33	\$5	

KANSAS CITY OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay
Will Green, with aliases, Deceased, et al, Procuring Escape of Federal Prisoner	[redacted] former inmate of Leavenworth Penitentiary, acquainted with Frank Nash gang	January 27, 1932	\$25
Anthony Ferrara, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	[redacted] [redacted] - a professional informant seeking such employment in various organizations - reported unreliable and services discontinued for failure to produce	September 1 to November 30, 1932	\$71
Joe McBride, et al, Impersonation	[redacted] who identified subject	July 8, 1932	\$4
Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	[redacted] [redacted] used in securing and furnishing information regarding [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] et cetera. Usually considered confidential by [redacted]	June 17, 1933 to date	\$100
Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	[redacted] [redacted] - ex-convict	January 14, 1934 January 16, 1934 February 19-23, 1934	\$5.00 \$1.50 \$13.00

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Kansas City (Continued)

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay
Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	<div></div> ex-convict from Leavenworth	July, 1933	\$20 by Mr. Brantley
George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping	<div></div> traveled from Brownwood, Texas to Stratford, Oklahoma, in an effort to locate Kathryn Kelly	September 14, 1933 September 26, 1933 September 30, 1933	\$50 \$25 \$70 by Mr. Jones

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NEW YORK CITY OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay	
General	Confidential informant 	Continuous	\$4 per day	b7D
Manny Strewl, et al, John J. O'Connell, Jr., Victim, Kidnaping	 aided in locating subjects and gave important testimony at trial of O'Connell case	August 17-24, 1933 September 30, 1933 November 7, 1933	\$81.45 \$35.00 \$4.00	

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay	
Elma Mikel, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 250px;"></div>	May 24, 1933	\$5	b7D
Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner		June 16, 1933	\$500	
Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner		June 29 to July 25, 1933	\$6 per day, \$220.65	
		February 19 to March 2, 1934	\$81.07	
Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner		Summer of 1933	\$75	
	and ex-convict -			
Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 80px;"></div>	Several weeks February 9-11, 1934	\$500 \$ 10.	
	[redacted] ex-convict and drug addict			
George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping	Several girls utilized in certain telephone taps	June 24 to August 1, 1933 September 21-26, 1933	\$110.22 \$283.87	

Oklahoma City (Continued)

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay	
Fred Ruyle, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	[Redacted]	Recently	\$15	b7D
Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping		May 4, 1934	\$15	

confirmed drug addict -
suggested as confidential
informant by Dallas Office,
money paid in this instance
for [Redacted] transporta-
tion from Fort Worth to
Oklahoma City

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay
Khaki Shirts of America, Information Concerning	[redacted] formerly in charge of [redacted] [redacted] - widely traveled - no police record - good reputa- tion	November 3, 1933	\$5
Heinz Spanknoebel, Espionage	[redacted]	November 9, 1933	\$2
Khaki Shirts of America, Information Concerning	[redacted]	July 14, 1933	\$1
Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, Draft Evasion	[redacted] - considered disreputable	December 31, 1933	\$3
Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping	[redacted] [redacted] many years ago - unreliable	January 31, 1934	\$1

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PORTLAND OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay	
Reo Verne Sankey, with aliases, et al, Charles Boettcher II, Victim, Kidnaping	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 213px; height: 50px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">[REDACTED]</div> transportation charges paid in effort to locate Sankey	October 18, 1933	\$142.54	b7D

ST. LOUIS OFFICE

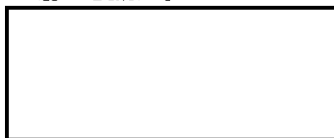
Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay
Thomas (Tom) Carten, et al, Theft from Interstate Shipment	<div></div>	April 27-28, 1933	\$105, paid by ^{b7D} Mr. Ladd over a period of several weeks

ST. PAUL OFFICE

Title of Case

Alvin Karpis, with
aliases, et al,
Edward George Bremer,
Victim, Kidnaping

Informant



ex-convict and
pickpocket

Dates of Employment

February 24, 1934 to date

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\$24.39 by
Mr. Purvis
for trans-
portation
and expenses
Chicago to
St. Paul.
\$16 by
Mr. Rorer.
\$125 by
Agent Hall.

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SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

Title of Case	Informant	Dates of Employment	Pay
Reo Verne Sankey, with aliases, et al, Charles Boettcher II, Victim, Kidnaping	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 175px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div> travel from Salt Lake City to St. Paul, Minnesota	January 23-27, 1934	\$70.00

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Special Agent in Charge Alt telephoned from Jacksonville at 10:45 A.M. today. He advised that there is an American in Havana, Cuba by the name of Kimball who is a private detective and hangs around the police station. Kimball reported that he believed he saw Geary and Oley in Havana with Peregrini and Ramirez but did not take any action in arresting them inasmuch as he thought the latter two were international crooks and wanted. He reported this to the Embassy in Havana and the Embassy sent the information to the State Department at Washington. The men were never actually located, were never taken into custody and were never actually identified.

Agent Main talked with Mr. M. W. Mathews, First Secretary of the Embassy, who is familiar with the whole thing. Agent Main also talked with the police at Havana and they are making a thorough search of Havana and vicinity. Up until last night no definite information concerning this matter has been received. They have been supplied with photographs which may be of value in the future. Mr. Mathews informed Mr. Alt that it was unnecessary to send anyone to Havana because of the indefinite and vague nature of the information. If anything develops, Mr. Mathews will advise. The investigation will be continued and brought to a logical conclusion.

Mr. Alt stated there are two types of police in Havana - the regular police and the judicial police. The regular police are those in uniforms and the judicial police are the detectives. They do not know anything about this case and Agent Main, after talking with Mr. Mathews, believes Kimball is just after the publicity. Agent Main will submit a detailed memorandum to the Division.

Agent Main has made some valuable contacts which may prove very helpful in the future, particularly the informant [redacted] who is very reliable and honest. Mr. Alt stated that [redacted] name should never be mentioned to the State Department or anyone else as [redacted] is very dependable and nothing should be done to spoil this contact.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned from Chicago this afternoon. He advised that two colored people were sent to his office this morning by the Internal Revenue. One of these men was a former Prohibition Agent and the other was his informant previously. The informant, whose name is [redacted] stated that this morning a colored woman called to see him from Indiana Harbor, Indiana. She works for a man by the name of [redacted] (?), who has a home in Indiana Harbor. The informant didn't know the exact location of this home. The colored woman told [redacted] the informant, that John Dillinger had been at this place for ten days and is there now. She said she wouldn't talk to any Government people, but was interested in a reward. Mr. Purvis stated he sent Agent Ryan and White with the colored men to see if the colored woman would talk to them and give them this information. Mr. Purvis stated he had offered \$1,000 if the information should really prove of value.

I suggested to Mr. Purvis that he contact Mr. Connelley and tell him to request Mr. Feehey to have two men report to him, Mr. Purvis, at once, giving them no information, however, I suggested to Mr. Purvis that if he didn't have sufficient men, he should take them from Indiana rather than from the Chicago Police Department.

The colored woman had further advised that Dillinger went out every night for about an hour, but remained in the house during the day. She further stated that they kept a man in the garage continuously. Mr. Purvis said they would plan to raid the place tomorrow morning at dawn should the above information prove of any value.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice
311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letters dated March 26 and April 11, 1934 concerning the employment of confidential informants by this office for the period subsequent to January 1, 1932.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Keith and we have no record of any confidential informants being paid during the aforementioned period.

Very truly yours,



L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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MR. NATHAN...
MR. TOLSON...
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MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
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CHIEF CLERK...
MR. ROBER...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On May 5, 1934 Mr. T. P. Sullivan, Superintendent, Bureau of Identification and Investigation, Department of Public Welfare, Springfield, Illinois, requested this Division for the criminal record of one [redacted]

[redacted] A telegram in reply was prepared by the Identification Unit as follows:

RETEL [redacted] RECEIVED STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON CITY
MISSOURI [redacted] CRIME [redacted]

[redacted] IF ARRESTED CHIEF OF POLICE NEWARK NEWJERSEY WILL
EXTRADITE ALSO WANTED [redacted] POLICE
DEPARTMENT LOSANGELES CALIFORNIA.

[redacted] about whom the inquiry was made, has been used by the Chicago Office of this Division as an informant. Accordingly, instead of sending the wire to Mr. Sullivan the information in same was read to Mr. Purvis with the request that he advise Mr. Sullivan and determine the reason for his requesting the criminal record.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.
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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR US BUREAU OF
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SEND COMPLETE RECORD OF [] ALIAS []

[] STOP

REPLY NIGHTLETTER=

T P SULLIVAN SUPT BUREAU OF CRIM IDENT AND INVEST.

- MR. NATHAN....
- MR. TOLSON....
- MR. CLEGG.....
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T P SULLIVAN SUPERINTENDENT
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

RETEL

RECEIVED STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON CITY MISSOURI

CRIME

IF ARRESTED CHIEF OF POLICE NEWARK NEW JERSEY WILL EXTRADITE ALSO WANTED
POLICE DEPARTMENT LOSANGELES CALIFORNIA

GOVT RATE COLLECT
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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
May 5, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL

RE: FERN MAY SANREY with aliases.
ELVINA RUTH KOHLER with alias.
CHARLES BOETTCHER II - Victim.
Kidnaping. S.L. File 7-3.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find a copy of the report of the Committee named by the Hon. George D. Begole, Mayor of the City & County of Denver, State of Colorado, to gather information, hear evidence and determine the person or persons to whom the reward offered by Claude K. Boettcher of Denver, Colorado, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of such person or persons who kidnaped his son Charles Boettcher II; should be paid. This report sets forth the disposition of the last \$15,000.00 of the reward money, and you will note that [redacted] the Division's informant in this matter received \$8,137.92.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DILLINGER CASE

AGENT DONALDSON CALLED YESTERDAY ADVISING THAT ED CLARK BELIEVED TO HAVE TALKED WITH DILLINGER AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO MEET AT A FARM NEAR CROWN POINT, INDIANA, THOUGHT TO BE FARM OF GENEVA AGAR ON MAY 12 OR 13. INVESTIGATION CROWN POINT RESULTED IN LOCATION OF FARM. SAC CONNELLEY ADVISED BY TELEPHONE AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO SECURE COOPERATION STATE POLICE TO KEEP FARM COVERED. CONTACT MADE TODAY WITH WIFE OF STANTON J. RANDALL, AN ASSOCIATE OF BABY FACE NELSON, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING CONTACTS OF NELSON. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN NELSON AT b7D VARIOUS PLACES IN CHICAGO. AGENT FREQUENTED THESE PLACES UNDER COVER BUT FAILED TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING NELSON.

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MR. EGAN
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MR. LESTER
CHIEF CLERK
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In talking with Mr. Purvis at Chicago this evening, he stated that he had communicated with Mr. Sullivan of the State of Illinois Bureau of Identification concerning his request for the criminal record of [] the confidential informant, and that Mr. Sullivan had advised him that he had already taken this up with the authorities at Newark, New Jersey, who had advised that they would not extradite [] to New Jersey, but that he had not taken the matter up with the California authorities in that he wanted to use [] for the time being. Mr. Purvis stated that he would do nothing further with the matter in that he felt the Division's responsibility in the matter had been taken care of by notifying Sullivan.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

On Tuesday morning I attended a conference at the White House at which were present the President, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Labor, and the Chief of the Secret Service. The discussion largely dealt with the activity of the Nazi movement in this country. It appears that the Secret Service of the Treasury, as well as the Labor Department, has made some investigations of these activities. Miss Perkins, the Secretary of Labor, indicated that they had not proceeded very far in this matter, but it was evident that the Secret Service of the Treasury Department has made some rather extensive investigations throughout the United States. I informed the President of such investigations as we have conducted. It is desired that a very careful and searching investigation be made of this movement, with particular attention to be given to activities indicating that either the German Embassy or the German Consulates throughout the United States may have connection with this movement. It was agreed that it would be desirable to have one clearing house for information upon this activity, and since the only Federal law that might be applicable to it at the present time would be the Immigration Law, it was decided by the President that Colonel MacCormack, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, would confer with Mr. Moran, Chief of the Secret Service, and myself at an early date, for the purpose of working out the details of this investigative activity.

I am desirous that you immediately prepare confidential instructions to all of our field offices, directing them to initiate an intensive investigation of activities of the Nazi group, with particular reference to the anti-racial activities and any anti-American activities having any possible connection with official representatives of the German government in the United States. I have personally talked with Mr. Fay at New York and suggested that he get in touch with Mr. Prince, who has been representing a group of rather wealthy Jews in New York who have been making inquiry into the Nazi movement. I asked Mr. Fay to endeavor to procure from Mr. Prince any information which he might have concerning these activities. It may be necessary for our field offices to secure the services of some confidential informants for the time being, and of course this expenditure will be approved. I think it will be desirable to designate a competent supervisor at Washington headquarters to supervise the investigation of this activity and to prepare, as soon as possible, a full and detailed report upon the same in order that I might present the same to the Attorney General. I have asked Mr. Fay at New York to select Special Agent Starr, who has special aptitude for work of this character, to handle the investigations in that district, which district I believe will be the most important one for this activity in the country. Our supervisor should keep in touch with Mr. Starr, and Mr. Starr should prepare a complete history and progress of the movement to date.

I have an appointment to confer with the Commissioner General of Immigration and Naturalization, Colonel MacCormack, on Friday morning of this week,

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together with Chief Moran of the Secret Service, and I will advise you further as to any details that may be determined upon at that meeting. However, irrespective of what may be the determination of that meeting, I do want the above instructions to be issued at once. The investigation should be considered as a so-called intelligence investigation, that is to say, the reports should be prepared in one general summary at specified intervals in order that the Attorney General may have them made available, and in turn make them available to the President. It is quite likely that we will also exchange reports with the Labor Department as this latter detail will be worked out at the Friday conference.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U.S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

May 12, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the matter of [redacted] concerning whom I talked to Mr. Cowley recently. I discussed this matter with Mr. T. P. Sullivan, Superintendent of the State Bureau of Identification at Springfield, Illinois, and Mr. Sullivan informed me that he had contacted the Chief of Police at Newark, New Jersey, concerning the wanted notice on [redacted] at that point. He states that he was informed by the Chief of Police that [redacted] had forfeited his \$10,000 bond and that the District Attorney there would not extradite him. I asked Mr. Sullivan also about the wanted notice for [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and he stated that he had not taken this matter up with the Los Angeles authorities inasmuch as he desired to use [redacted] in this section and that he will do so later.

He desired that I do nothing about this, and I informed him that I would leave the matter entirely to him and that as soon as he desired to do so he might inform the Los Angeles Police Department.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
May 12, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), Et Al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Kindly refer to Division letter of April 16, 1934,
which pertains particularly to Adam Richetti.

It is noted that investigation is now under way by
the Kansas City office and other Division offices which should re-
sult in securing complete information which the Division may use in
the preparation of an Identification Order on Adam Richetti. In
connection therewith, the Division may deem it inadvisable to issue
an identification order in the immediate future, in view of steps
being taken by this office at the present time to secure the serv-
ices of Confidential Informant [] Complete [] is regarding the
same are being transmitted to the Division to under personal
and confidential cover. It is felt that the issuance of an Identifi-
cation Order might cause publicity, which appears should be
avoided, in the event that this confidential informant is used.

This office anticipates securing in the near future
a complaint and warrant against Adam Richetti, charging him as a
conspirator in the entitled case. This complaint will be secured
secretly, in order to avoid any publicity, and in order to keep from
placing Richetti on his guard.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

May 11, 1934

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Director
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: MANNY STREWL with aliases; et al
JOHN J. O'CONNELL, JR. - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to my long distance telephone conversation with Mr. Cowley of the Division at nine P.M. on May 8, 1934, in which he advised that information had been received by the Division from the State Department to the effect that the latter had received a dispatch from Havana, Cuba, saying that the Police in that city had located persons wanted in Albany, New York, charged with kidnaping; also that the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Office had informed the Division that the State Department had wired the Governor of New York at four-forty P.M. on May eighth, stating that a wire had been received from Havana (possibly from the Police Department or the American Embassy) stating that the Cuban Police believed they had located Percy Geary and Francis Oley, wanted for kidnaping in New York. Mr. Cowley suggested that if the Havana Police had located Geary and Oley it is possible and highly probable that John Oley, brother of Francis, was located too. Mr. Cowley also informed that the Division had received information from the State Department to the effect that authorities at Havana had requested the State Department to advise whether one

EDUARDO PEREGRIN or PEREGRINI and
JOSE DIAZ RAMIREZ

were wanted in the United States for any criminal offense, indicating that Peregrin or Peregrini was an important criminal and wanted in France and/or England for grand larceny.

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To: The Director

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Pursuant to Mr. Cowley's instructions that the information with reference to the above named persons warranted a thorough investigation and that this should be made, if possible, at Miami to determine whether Havana authorities had actually located these persons and if this investigation did not result satisfactorily, an Agent should proceed to Havana to verify this report, and that in the event these persons were located at Havana, arrangements should be made for their provisional detention and the Division advised, immediately at the conclusion of my telephone conversation with Mr. Cowley, "I conferred with Special Agent Roger L. Main at Miami, believing that through a very reliable informant he has in that city who is a [redacted] graduate and a former official of the [redacted] arrangements could be made for the verification of the information furnished the Division by the State Department.

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There are being attached hereto four copies of a memorandum dated May 9, 1934, prepared by Special Agent Main covering his activities and findings regarding this matter at Miami, Florida.

Agent Main has orally informed me that he believes that the arrangements he has made with his confidential informant in Miami; Mr. H. S. Mathews, First Secretary of the American Embassy, and [redacted] will result in the apprehension of Percy Geary and Francis and John Olav if they are actually on the Island of Cuba. Mr. Mathews and [redacted] have assured Agent Main that a thorough investigation will be made in Cuba and that if any information is obtained concerning the presence of Geary and the Oleys in Cuba, the Jacksonville Office will be immediately advised.

If there are any further developments in this matter within the district of the Jacksonville Office or in Cuba, the Division will be immediately advised.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures to each

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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[REDACTED] PAT CHERRINGTON AND OPAL LONG TO COLUMBUS
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ADDRESSES OF PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO TOOK DILLINGER'S PHOTOGRAPHS FIVE GROUP
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The office confidential file in this office was recently reviewed and in same there were found certain memoranda and communications relating to the above entitled case, copies of which do not appear to have reached the Division.

Copies of these have been made and are being forwarded herewith to the Division, same being as follows:

Memorandum by Special Agent in Charge Jones, June 30, 1933.

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July 5, 1933.	July 5, 1933.
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Memorandum for Special Agent [redacted]
Letter from [redacted] Confidential Informant, July 12, 1933.
[redacted] July 13, 1933

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July 15, 1933.

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Memorandum by S.A.C. Dwight Brantley, July 18, 1933.
Telegram to Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Okla. City, Okla., 7-18-33.

Letter from [redacted] Confidential Informant, July 20, 1933.
[redacted] July 20, 1933.

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Chicago, Illinois.

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May 11, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my teletype message of May 1, 1934, concern-
ing the John Dillinger Case, please be advised that I have employed
[redacted] as a Confidential Informant, at the rate of \$8.00 per day.

[redacted], informed me that [redacted] had furnished him valuable in-
formation in the past and that [redacted] knows Baby Face Nelson quite
well.

The pay of this Informant began on May 5, 1934. I have
been keeping in close touch with him and he has not produced any results
so far, but it is my opinion that he will be able to do so if his em-
ployment is continued for a satisfactory length of time. I will, how-
ever, keep in close touch with this situation and advise you of any
developments concerning same.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. H. S. Mosher,
Manager, Department of Criminal Investigation,
Pinkerton's National Detective Agency,
134 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I want to thank you sincerely for calling me today about the information which your Chicago office received concerning the possible whereabouts of Dillinger. I immediately communicated with Mr. Purvis, in charge of my Chicago office, and he at once contacted your Mr. Packard. It would seem from the conference with Mr. Packard which Mr. Purvis had that the informant was an individual who had formerly, a few weeks ago, tried to furnish us some information concerning Dillinger, and we employed him for a short period of time. We then found that he was trying to sell the same information to a newspaper and was unable to produce any real results. However, I felt that in view of the approach which he made to Mr. Packard, it might be worth while to try him again as it involved only a small expenditure of money, and I have directed Mr. Purvis to cooperate fully with Mr. Packard to determine whether this informant has any information that is worth while. I wanted you to know how grateful I was to you for so promptly contacting me, and to also express my appreciation of the hearty cooperation extended by Mr. Packard in this matter.

With expressions of my best regards and good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In telephone conversation with Mr. Larson late tonight he advised that his informant had just returned from [redacted] and informed Mr. Larson that the two women, Gpa Long and Paw Cherrington, had left Detroit today at noon in their auto for Chicago. The informant stated that the two women had advised him: first that they were going to leave Detroit on Wednesday; that they were apprehensive that they were being covered and that the house they were living in was hot, but it transpired that the landlord wishing to rid himself of the tenant family occupying the house at 75 Windemere St. in which the two women were also staying, gave notice to the family today that the rent would be doubled, so the women left today for Chicago.

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The two women were very anxious to secure some different license plates, and [redacted]

[redacted] The informant feels that the set up is very satisfactory, and that it is best that they are not being covered on their trip to Chicago or while they are there, due to the fact that they were so apprehensive that they were being watched. The plans of the two women are to leave Chicago late tomorrow night or Wednesday morning for Muncie, where they will [redacted] They plan on being in Muncie between Wednesday and Friday. [redacted] that John Dillinger was an hour and a half from Muncie. Mr. Larson stated that it might be Fort Wayne or Indianapolis but it couldn't be Chicago for it is more than an hour and a half from Muncie.

The informant feels that they will make the first contact possible in Chicago leaving their address at which they can be reached in Muncie to be given to Dillinger, and then if they feel sure that they are not being covered they will go straight to Muncie.

Mr. Larson advised that he and the informant would drive to Muncie tomorrow noon in order to be there when the women arrive, and to have time to instal a telephone in [redacted] if it appears advisable.

Mr. Larson was going to notify the Chicago Office that the women were in Chicago.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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May 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

I talked to Mr. H. S. Mosher, of Pinkerton's Detective Agency at Cleveland, Ohio, by long distance today. He stated that his Chicago Office was visited by an old informant of Mr. William A. Pinkerton, who informed that office that he would talk to no one else. He stated that he knows where Dillinger is; that he is injured and requires treatment; and that a former pal of his is taking care of him. He can't move for the next three or four days, and is about 150 miles from Chicago. The informant is only interested in the reward, and Mr. Mosher stated that his agency informed the informant that they would do their best to see that he receives the reward if his information is correct. Mr. Mosher said he had suggested to Mr. Guy C. Packard, Division Manager of the Pinkerton Agency at Chicago, that he get in touch with Mr. Purvis and that they work together on the matter. I told Mr. Mosher that I would call Mr. Purvis at Chicago immediately, and direct him to communicate with Mr. Packard. Mr. Mosher suggested that Mr. Purvis' attention be directed particularly to the fact that the informant has refused to talk to any one except the Pinkerton people.

I immediately telephoned Mr. Purvis at Chicago and gave him the above information. He stated that Mr. Packard had just called him, and he asked Mr. Packard to find out if the informant would be willing to work with us and also stated that we would be perfectly willing to pay him. I directed Mr. Purvis to call Mr. Packard at once, expressing my personal appreciation for his cooperation in this matter, and stating that he, Mr. Purvis, would like to talk the matter over with Mr. Packard immediately. I told Mr. Purvis I would be willing to spend any amount of money, and desired that the Pinkerton representatives accompany our Agents in the event a capture is made, and that our Chicago Office cooperate to the fullest extent with the Pinkerton people.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Detroit Michigan
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation of last night, please be advised that the informant in Detroit, mentioned in previous communications, has succeeded in making contact with Pat Cherrington and Opal Long. This was made through Mrs. Mae Clark, mother of Russell Clark, a former associate of John Dillinger.

[redacted] Saturday afternoon and evening, May 12. It will be noted that these two women returned from the Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus on May 11, following visit by Opal Long with Russell Clark. On this occasion she mentioned [redacted] to Clark, who told her that he was alright. During the drinking party that took place on Saturday, the two women indicated that they were planning on leaving Detroit stating that they were afraid of being arrested. [redacted]

[redacted] stating that they were at liberty to stay there in the event they so desired. The two women appeared appreciative of being furnished this information, indicating that they would go to Muncie on Wednesday, May 16. They also stated they were desirous of securing a set of different license plates for the Ford and [redacted]

[redacted] the car should be repainted in some respects in order to make its identity impossible.

During this discussion the two women [redacted] to call upon Mrs. Copeland in Muncie, mother of Harry Copeland, also a former associate of the Dillinger gang who is now confined in the Indiana State Penitentiary and advise Mrs. Copeland that the \$1,100 which she has coming will be forwarded to her in the near future. It will be noted in previous reports that Pat Cherrington is a former sweetheart of Copeland. She indicated [redacted] that she could not go to Copeland's home, indicating that she might run into Copeland's legitimate wife.

Previous to this party on Saturday, [redacted]

[redacted] Detroit early Monday morning and return Monday night, May 14 and, upon [redacted] the two women about 9:00 p.m. Saturday night, they informed him that they would contact him later, but continued to indicate that they would be at Muncie on Wednesday.

The informant was furnished a car by this office with [redacted] at 6:30 a.m. yesterday

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morning. She, with her son William and her daughter Bernice Norton, proceeded to the Ohio State Penitentiary. When they were departing from the house, Mrs. Clark [redacted] that Opal and Pat were going to Chicago and had requested her to convey the information [redacted] that they would be in Muncie between Wednesday and Friday, May 16 and 18. The informant, of course, did not have an opportunity to relay the above information regarding the women's departure from Detroit until his return from Columbus last night.

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About 5:00 p.m. yesterday afternoon, I was notified by the Agents who were maintaining a surveillance over the house at 75 Windemere where Opal and Pat were living, that these two women had not been seen for a period of several hours and that the car was also gone. Upon making inquiry, I was informed that Andy Strachen, husband of Mrs. Clark's daughter, with whom Opal and Pat had been residing, drove the automobile away at 7:00 a.m. yesterday morning while dressed in his working clothes. It was known that he begins his work at 7:30. Evidently the Agent who was maintaining the surveillance, did not place any significance on this and felt that Strachen would undoubtedly return with the car within a short time. The car was practically always parked in front of the house night and day. However, when he returned from work at 4:00 p.m. he was not driving the automobile and it now appears that he planted the car some place in the vicinity for the two women who had been able, evidently, to leave the house without being observed. In this connection the two women had stated [redacted] Saturday that they expected to experience difficulty in driving their automobile away when they were departing from Detroit because it was so very conspicuous.

For the information of interested offices, this car is described as a Ford Deluxe, V-8, Four Door Sedan Motor No. 429168 bearing Michigan 1934 license Y6080 and its color is blue-black with yellow wire wheels. There is a small nickel-plated spot light on the left-hand side of the windshield. It will be noted in previous reports that this car was purchased on December 14, 1933 from the Charles J. Dempsey Company, 2300 W. Madison Avenue, Chicago. It has the appearance of a new car at the present time. The informant stated that [redacted] but that Pat advised her against this and stated that [redacted]

During the course of [redacted] Pat Cherrington stated [redacted] that it was the cheapest party she had ever been on due to the fact that she did not have much money. Whereupon she took an inventory of her funds, which were observed [redacted] and it was found that she had \$108.70. She mentioned that some contact in Chicago was holding out some money on her. She also indicated that neither she nor Opal were on good terms with Mrs. Pierpont, the mother of Harry Pierpont, indicating that Mrs. Pierpont was attempting to hold out some money.

Pat also indicated [redacted] that she was not on good terms with Mary Kinder of Indianapolis, stating that Mary Kinder had in the past visited Harry Copeland in the Indiana State Penitentiary and it seems that this did not set very well with Pat.

With regard to the address furnished the women [redacted]

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of the place in Muncie during the course of discussion concerning this alleged hide-out, they requested to know whether it would be possible for Dillinger to call there and see them and when informed in the affirmative, they stated that he would be there only for an hour or two hours at a time. At this time Opal spoke up stating Muncie is only one and one-half hours' drive from where he is now located.

The informant, who appears to be very sincere, feels confident that the women will call at the address [redacted] at Muncie, Indiana and he is at this writing back at [redacted] that he is proceeding to Muncie today and attempting to [redacted] if necessary. Also, he is [redacted]

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I am departing from Detroit at noon today and will transport the informant in a Division car to Muncie. [redacted] forwarded to this office by Special Agent in Charge Connelley for this purpose. [redacted] I understand, were issued to some [redacted] and will be appropriate for this occasion.

I have communicated telephonically with Mr. Connelley and arrangements have been made for me to contact Special Agent Wood at Muncie. [redacted] will go directly to the "hide-out" where he usually stops and I will secure a room in an apartment which will be a better place for [redacted] to contact me at Muncie than calling at the hotel. I will assume the name of [redacted] and my telephone number and address at Muncie will be communicated to the Division and all interested offices upon my arrival there, which should be late this evening.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MLD

cc - Chicago
St. Paul
SAC Connelley, Spink Arms Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana

JEM:HCB

May 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Agent in Charge Larson telephoned from Detroit this evening to advise me of some of the developments regarding Pat Cherrington and Opal Long. Mr. Larson stated that the informant whom he employed some time ago, and who was at Muncie for a few days, has now been able to establish a contact with these two women. [redacted] and they

have taken him into their confidence rather well. Opal Long and Pat Cherrington went to Columbus, Ohio, to the penitentiary recently, and Opal Long swore there that she was the wife of Russell Clark, one of the three men who were sentenced. She was allowed to talk to Russel Clark, at which time she evidently asked him about [redacted] Clark is well acquainted with [redacted] and told her that he is perfectly all right. Consequently, when she returned early Saturday morning, she got in touch with [redacted]

[redacted] they were anxious to leave Detroit as early as possible because they were afraid of being picked up at any minute. [redacted]

[redacted] knows the woman who operates the house, and [redacted] if any one comes there mentioning his name, she should keep them and not to ask any questions. These two women seemed to be anxious to have [redacted] and asked [redacted] if it would be all right for Dillinger to come there occasionally. They said that he would probably stay not over an hour and a half or two hours at a time, and indicated that Dillinger was an hour and a half away from Muncie at the present time. [redacted] told them that it would be all right for Dillinger to come there. [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Larson furnished him an automobile and [redacted]

[redacted] He believes they will leave for Muncie about Wednesday, and he is going to try to persuade them to allow him to accompany them. In the event he does not go with them, however, he will drive a car over and meet them there the following day. Mr. Larson is very optimistic about the outlook of this situation.

Mr. Larson stated he had talked to both Mr. Purvis and Mr. Connelley. Muncie is about fifty miles from Indianapolis, which, of course, is nearer than Chicago. The informant requested Mr. Larson to make every effort to take Dillinger on the outside instead of in the house, so as to protect both the occupants of the house and himself, the informant. The informant

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told Mr. Larson that he would be in a position to notify him when Dillinger is inside the house. Mr. Larson stated the informant is going through with this matter very nicely, although he doesn't have the courage that he should have. Mr. Larson said he spent four hours with him yesterday and he believes everything will be all right.

I suggested to Mr. Larson that he proceed to Muncie, assuming a different name, so that the informant could contact him at a moment's notice. I directed him to get several Agents from Mr. Connelley.

The two women also requested [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] He will take care of these matters.

Mr. Larson will keep this office informed.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RAA:HFB

May 10, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL - CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter of May 1, 1934, to the Jacksonville Office advising of the receipt of a memorandum dated April 27, 1934, from Assistant Attorney General Keenan, in which the latter advised that the Department had received a letter from the Secretary of State informing that one Pablo Rodriguez and a group of adherents of the Grau San Martin Regime in Cuba have headquarters in Miami, Florida, where they are engaged in propaganda against the present Cuban government and are organizing a conspiracy to win over for Dr. Grau, who is now an exile in Mexico, certain elements of the Cuban armed forces.

Pursuant to instructions from the Division in its letter of the first instant, investigation was conducted in this matter at Miami, Florida, by Special Agent Roger L. Main. I am enclosing four copies of Agent Main's memorandum dated May 8, 1934, which covers his findings in his investigation made at Miami.

Agent Main's informant, mentioned in his memorandum, is [redacted]. He is a confidential informant of the Jacksonville Office, a graduate of [redacted] speaks English fluently, is honorable, dependable and trustworthy, and has always manifested a splendid attitude of cooperation when contacted by Agent Main.

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[redacted] undoubtedly at some future time will return to Cuba. He has specifically and emphatically requested that his name be not mentioned in any reports or communications covering information which he has given, for obvious reasons. His name should not be furnished any other Government agency for interview or contact. He has been assured that his name will be held in the strictest confidence by the Division and its representatives.

[redacted] is a very valuable contact and source of information. He speaks English perfectly and was formerly connected with [redacted]

[redacted] has stated to Agent Main that it must never become known in Havana, Cuba, that he is an informant of the Division.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
May 16, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with alias, I.O. #1219
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated April 25, 1934 relative to Wilbur Pettijohn and interview with [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Chapman on May 15, 1934 at which time [redacted] stated that it was in August or September 1933 that he saw Wilbur Pettijohn in Cleveland and that if he said he saw him in December, 1933 he did not mean to say this but meant August or September.

[redacted] was positive that he saw Pettijohn in Cleveland in August or September 1933, stating he saw him at East 101st and Euclid Avenue, at which time Pettijohn was driving a Buick Coupe and had a blonde woman with him; that "Jimmy the Wop" told him that he saw Pettijohn in Cleveland about February 1, 1934, after the Bremer kidnaping, although [redacted] does not pretend to have seen Pettijohn at that time.

It appeared that [redacted] was merely attempting to make of himself a confidential informant with a view of obtaining compensation or rewards for any criminals he might name. Agent Chapman states there is no question of [redacted] having stated that Pettijohn was in Cleveland in December, 1933 as on the occasion of the first interview with [redacted] a newspaper containing an item relative to the Charlotte, N.C. mail robbery was examined and that item stated that the robbery had occurred in November, 1933 and it was at this time that [redacted] stated that Pettijohn had been in Cleveland in December, 1933 and he, [redacted] then suspicioned that Pettijohn had been in the Charlotte mail robbery as it had occurred a short time prior to Pettijohn being seen in Cleveland, Ohio.

During the interview with [redacted] on May 15, 1934 he stated that he had furnished information to the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland relative to a Post Office robbery. Agent Chapman was advised by Mr. Sylvester Hettrick, Post Office Inspector, Cleveland, Ohio, that [redacted] had been furnish-

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ing him information which proved valueless and on two occasions [] informed him that he was working with a gang and that they expected to break into a warehouse on a certain night. Hettrick had police planted in the warehouse on two successive nights but no one appeared and [] then informed him that the robbery had been given up. Hettrick had secured funds from the Post Office Department to pay [] for information but [] has failed to appear for the funds and will not be paid should he appear.

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From the above it is apparent that [] is unreliable and untruthful and no further contact will be made with him in the absence of instructions relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

RCC:MEB

cc - Kansas City
Chicago
Inspector Rorer, St. Paul

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DIV INVEST ST PAUL CALLING ON CONFERENCE MAY 8, 1934 10-45 PM

DIRECTOR WASH

PURVIS CGO

INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM AGENTS NOW AT MADISON WISC THAT THE ATTORNEY EMPLOYED TO DEFEND THE WIFE OF MRS BABY FACE NELSON WAS SELECTED BY AN ATTORNEY BY THE NAME OF PARILLO OF CHICAGO. A WOMAN FIRST CAME TO MADISON TO MAKE THE SELECTION AND A VERY LARGE FEE WAS LATER PAID PERSONALLY TO THE ATTORNEY BY ALVIN KARPIS AND IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE MONEY PAID WAS BREKID MONEY. THERE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS MOVE AND THE ACTIVITIES OF (John J.) MCLAUGHLIN IN CHICAGO. NIGHT BEFORE LAST AT TWO AM A CAR WAS IN FRONT OF THE JAIL IN MADISON WHICH THREW A SPOT LIGHT ON THE JAIL AND ONE OF THE JAIL GUARDS THOUGHT ONE OF THE MEN IN THE CAR WAS DILLINGER ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFIRMATION OF THE STORY. THE INFORMATION RE THE EMPLOYMENT OF COUNSEL WAS OBTAINED BY AGENT GILLESPIE FROM A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT AND HE IS TRYING THROUGH OTHER SOURCES TO GET CONFIRMATION WHICH HE EXPECTS TO GET BY NOON TOMORROW. CLEGG IS PROCEEDING TO MADISON TONIGHT AT 11 PM FOR CONFERENCE WITH U S ATTY WHO HAS BY NOW BEEN FURNISHED WITH A SUMMARY REPORT AS THE U S ATTY SEEMS TO FEEL THERE MAY BE SOME LIKELIHOOD THAT INDICTMENTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED AGAINST THE TWO YOUNGER GIRLS - THAT IS

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THE BLONDE WHO WAS WITH TOMMY CARROLL AND THE ITALIAN GIRL FRIEND OF VAN
METER - HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SHOW THEIR CONNECTION OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD.
AGENTS NOTESTEEN AND GROMM AT PERHAM WISC HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING
A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] NEAR WHICH DEPT OF JUSTICE

TOMMY CARROLL AND TOMMY MCMANUS ANOTHER LOCAL GANGSTER HAVE A HIDEOUT.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT TONIGHT HERE REPEATS HIS BELIEF THAT THESE TWO AT PRESENT ARE NOW ON A RESORT PLACE OR ADJOINING LODGE ON BIG PINE LAKE NEAR PERHAM PLACE SUPPOSED TO BE OWNED BY ONE BEUEN PRONOUNCED BOWEN WHO MAY BE AN INDIAN. THE AGENTS HAVE LOCATED THIS PLACE AND HAVE LEARNED THAT CARROLL AND MCMANUS ARE NOT IN THE MAIN RESORT LODGE AND THE INFORMANT WHOM THEY HAVE SECURED IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING IF THEY ARE IN ANY OF THE MANY ADJOINING LODGES

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

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May 15, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
DR. FRANK L. NATHANSON,
VICTIM - EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

The confidential informant referred to
in the report of Special Agent H.H. Reinecke dated at Chicago
Illinois, May 14, 1934, is

Very truly yours,

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M.H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

May 15, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
DR. FRANK L. NATHANSON,
VICTIM - EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

You will note from report of Special Agent H.H. Reinecke, dated at Chicago, May 14, 1934, in the above case, that a confidential informant advises that Peter Cunniff, alias Dynamite Pete, Victoria (Vic) Cunniff, and Harry Winick and Eddie Korbeck, were overheard to discuss the kidnaping of Dr. Nathanson. It has been determined that this Peter Cunniff is Chicago P.D. No. C-42331, and has the following record as secured from the Identification Division of the Chicago Police Department:

As Peter Cunniff
Arrested October 5, 1932
Charge: Abortion

As Pete Cunniff -
November 1, 1918, nolle prossed,
Conspiracy. Judge Guerin

As Pete Cunniff
January 20, 1921. Nolle prossed,
having explosives. Judge O'Connor

As Pete Cunniff
Arrested at Waukegan, Ill., July 12,
1932, suspicion.
Fingerprint classification: $\frac{29}{20} \frac{I}{M} \frac{23}{M}$

Cunniff is also described as follows:

Age: 62
Nativity: Indiana
Occupation: Union Agent
Weight: 221 lb.
Chin: Regular
Beard: None

Hair: Medium chestnut
Complexion: Fair
Marital Status: Married
Teeth: Bad
Build: Stout
Height: 5'11"
Eyes: Hazel

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It is suggested that the Identification Unit of the Division supply to the Division Laboratory the fingerprints of this Peter Canniff, in order that they may be compared with any latent prints found on the note and envelope previously transmitted to the Division for laboratory examination.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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May 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. STANLEY

Reference is made to my memoranda dated March 30 and April 25, 1934 with respect to [redacted] who is now serving a [redacted] year sentence in the United States Southwestern Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma on a charge of violating [redacted] and who, in the opinion of the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division, if released, may possibly be in a position to assist this Division in causing the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, a notorious bank robber and murderer of the Southwest.

In view of the concentrated effort now being made by representatives of this Division to bring about the apprehension of Floyd, an early decision in the matter of obtaining the release of [redacted] for the purposes heretofore stated, will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
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MR. NATHAN...
MR. TOLSON...
MR. CLEGG...
MR. COWLEY...
MR. EDWARDS...
MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
MR. LESTER...
CHIEF CLERK...
MR. ROGER...

Personal and
Confidential.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division Circular
Letter, Personal and Confidential, of April 23, 1934, with re-
gard to the establishment of confidential underworld contacts
by the field offices of this Division.

With regard to the above, the Division's
attention is respectfully directed to Division letter of March
30, 1934, addressed to the St. Louis Division office in connec-
tion with the case of [redacted] with aliases, [redacted]
[redacted] it being noted that the Department instruct-
ed the Division to turn over to local State authorities informa-
tion which [redacted] has furnished to Agents of this Division incriminat-
ing himself and others in violations of State laws.

[redacted] prior to the action of the
Department, was considered probably the most valuable confidenti-
al informant to whom this office had access. Since the Depart-
ment's action, there has been certain publicity [redacted]
which has reached other prisoners incarcerated in the Leavenworth
Penitentiary. In addition, State law enforcement officers have
called upon [redacted] for interviews in connection with the crimes to
which he had confessed, as well as other crimes. Invariably he
has refused to give these State officers any information. On
the other hand, he has become embittered towards the Division to
some extent and is loath to give us any information. In addi-
tion, I do not believe that it is an exaggeration to say that
his life has been endangered to a certain extent.

I trust that the Division will not con-
sider that I am being critical of the Department's action in
connection with [redacted] I merely desire to call attention

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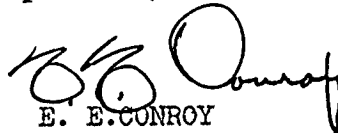
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to the fact that in the future, it might be anadvisable to give to local authorities or to the press any information which may be conveyed to us by a hardened criminal regarding other hardened criminals. I personally consider it highly important that the Division be in a position to secure in a confidential manner information from hardened criminals. It appears that the Division in the near future is to handle cases involving robberies of National Banks and members of the Federal Reserve System. The use of confidential informants who have engaged in that type of crime will be essential in the event we are to have success in our investigation of such cases.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. E. Conroy", is written over the typed name.

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
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Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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RE VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1194;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 11, 1934 wherein you request that arrangements be made through the Board of Parole to obtain the release of one [] register number [] from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in order that he might be used as a confidential informant in bringing about the location and apprehension of subjects Floyd and Richetti.

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You set forth in your letter that "the Division realizes that extreme caution should be exercised in keeping the identity of this individual and his activities highly confidential. It would probably lead to the death of this man in the event that Floyd and Richetti became aware of his designs." You further suggest that the informant be referred to as Confidential Informant []

In keeping with your suggestion that extreme caution be used in obtaining the release of this prisoner, it was deemed advisable to take the matter up in person with the Parole Board, and when the file of the Parole Board was examined it was found to contain a photostatic copy of a letter addressed to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, by the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, dated May 7, 1934, requesting that the detainer previously placed at the institution be withdrawn "at the request of the Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation". This letter was received at the institution in the regular course of business and, no doubt, has been brought to the attention of the inmates working in the office of the institution, and

through the grapevine channels has become known to other inmates of the institution that this Division has interceded on behalf of prisoner [REDACTED]. This information will, of course, be conveyed to Floyd and his associates, as suggested in the penultimate paragraph of your letter.

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It appears from your letter that Agent Anderson, acting upon your instructions, interviewed Chief of Detectives Ed Portley of the Police Department at Joplin, Missouri with reference to the detainer which had been placed against [REDACTED], in order to prevent his parole, and further that on May 7, 1934 you talked with Mr. Portley by long distance telephone with regard to removing the detainer and informed him that you "would be pleased if he could take such action"; that he immediately addressed a letter to the Warden of the Leavenworth Penitentiary, and that the detainer has now been removed.

From your letter and the letter addressed to the authorities at the institution by Mr. Portley, it appears that you have not "exercised extreme caution" and the Division now feels that the usefulness of this individual as a confidential informant has probably been destroyed.

Under the above circumstances, no action will be taken by the Parole Board inasmuch as any action taken at this time will be irregular and will cast further suspicion on [REDACTED]. It appears, however, that [REDACTED] will be released on [REDACTED] with good time allowance, and inasmuch as it is already a matter of record at the institution that this Division has interceded on behalf of [REDACTED], no further action need be taken by the Division.

I desire that you immediately advise fully with respect to the above.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

MAY 21 1934

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1194;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 11, 1934 setting forth information with respect to one [redacted] register number [redacted] who is now serving a [redacted] year sentence for violation of the [redacted] at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. The question of obtaining a parole for [redacted] so that he can assist your office as a confidential informant, has been taken up with the Director, Bureau of Prisons, and you will be immediately advised when action has been taken with regard to granting [redacted] his parole.

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In the event [redacted] is granted parole, you are instructed to give this matter very careful attention and to press the investigation vigorously with a view to bringing about the early apprehension of Floyd and Richetti.

It is noted on page two of your letter that no further action was taken by your office with regard to [redacted] subsequent to the interview had with him by Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey as reflected in the latter's memorandum dated July 7, 1933. Kindly advise the Division why this matter had not been followed up.

For your information the records at the Bureau of Prisons do not reflect that [redacted] has made application for parole, but it is believed that this will be taken care of by the Bureau of Prisons at a very early date, and you will be accordingly advised.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 11, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE:

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VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

The files of this office contain a letter from Warden F. C. Zerbst of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, dated June 22, 1933, with which he transmitted a request slip from [redacted] Register No. [redacted]. The Warden advised that [redacted] had stated that he was familiar with Pretty Boy Floyd and his connections, and, if released, could locate him. The Warden further advised that [redacted] was serving [redacted] years from Danville, Illinois, for violation of [redacted] was received on [redacted] and his sentence expires on [redacted] he further stated [redacted] had served two previous terms [redacted] in Kentucky and New Jersey, and that an indictment was pending against him at Joplin, Missouri. The request slip itself was dated June 21, 1933; was directed to the Warden and requested a personal interview. The slip has the notation "Important" on it.

The files of this office also contain a memorandum, dated July 7, 1933, copy of which has recently been transmitted to the Division, which was prepared by Special Agent in Charge R. C. Harvey. On the last two pages of that memorandum are notations, which reflect that Agent Harvey at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, interviewed [redacted] Register No. [redacted] serving a [redacted]-year sentence on a charge of a violation of [redacted] being received at Leavenworth on [redacted] from Danville, Illinois, the maximum term expiring [redacted] and the minimum term ending [redacted] Agent Harvey further sets forth:

[redacted] by occupation; age [redacted] years; [redacted] has been placed by the Chief of Police at Joplin, Missouri; [redacted] record dating back to 1922. He claims to reside at [redacted] and has a brother there operating the [redacted] he stated 1934 P.M. was convicted for [redacted] one Eva Simpson, whose maiden name is [redacted] etti, whose brother was then traveling with Pretty Boy Floyd and was with Floyd

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at the time he kidnaped the Sheriff at Bolivar, Missouri. Eva Richetti resides at Wewoka, Oklahoma. [redacted] appears to have told Agent Harvey that [redacted]. He claimed to know of Floyd's hang-outs, but would not name them unless he could get out on parole. He also stated that he could locate Fred Barker, who in the past associated with Floyd. He stated that he has known Floyd since 1929. He stated that Richetti had been associating with Floyd a short time prior to that time. He advised that if released he would be willing to go with a guard, but it would be better for him to work alone; that he would immediately go to Wewoka, Oklahoma, where he would contact Eva Richetti and then get in touch with Floyd, and that if necessary, he could have Eva come to the prison and visit with him and in this way might be able to secure some information concerning Floyd's whereabouts.

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It appears that no further action was taken regarding [redacted] subsequent to the interview.

An examination of the files of this office reveals the case of [redacted] victim, [redacted].

[redacted] In addition, the Division has recently furnished this office with a copy of the report of Special Agent L. E. Chipman, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 21, 1933, in the case of [redacted] National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

It will be noted in connection with the case of [redacted] that this office under date of April 21, 1934, in a letter entitled Vernon C. Miller, (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, requested the St. Louis Division office to furnish us more complete information from their files regarding Eva Richetti, in order that it might be available for purposes of bringing about the apprehension of Adam Richetti.

A short time ago, when the file at this office had been thoroughly reviewed and copies of memoranda contained therein furnished the Division, it occurred to Agents Andersen and Trainor that there might be a possibility of using [redacted] as a confidential informant. Accordingly, he was interviewed at the Leavenworth Penitentiary by Agent Andersen, and a short time later, I personally accompanied Agent Andersen to the penitentiary, where [redacted] was again interviewed. Substantially [redacted] proposition was as follows:

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The detainer placed against him by the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department, had made him not eligible for parole. He wished, if possible, to have the process at Joplin dismissed. He wished also, if possible to secure parole, which would mean now less than two months time in the penitentiary, in view of the fact he is eligible for release on [redacted]. In addition, he desires restoration of his civil rights. [redacted] stated, however, that it would not be necessary to take any action regarding this at the present time, but later, in the event he accomplishes what is desired of him by the Division, that he would like some action taken.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]. He indicated that he bore a grudge against both Adam Richetti and Floyd because [redacted].

[redacted] He intimated that [redacted].

[redacted] There appears to be little question but what he is associated with them, and that in the event he is sincere, he would have little difficulty in getting in touch with them at the present time. It will be noted that [redacted] states that since his incarceration in the penitentiary, he has been communicating with Eva Richetti under the name of Eva Simpson. Agent Andersen inspected the records of the Leavenworth Penitentiary and found that on numerous occasions since [redacted] incarceration he has communicated with and received communications from an individual named Eva Simpson at Tewoka, Oklahoma. Inspection of prison records revealed also that detainer filed against [redacted] is merely a letter from the Chief of Police at Joplin, Missouri. The records further reveal that while at the penitentiary, [redacted] has had an excellent conduct record.

Agent Andersen upon my instructions interviewed Chief of Detectives Ed Portley of the Police Department at Joplin, Missouri. It was ascertained that there was no process outstanding against [redacted] at Joplin. Mr. Portley indicated that there never had been any intention to prosecute [redacted] but that a detainer had been placed against [redacted] merely in order to prevent his parole. Mr. Portley further stated that he would be glad to remove the detainer in the event this office desired such. Accordingly, on May 7, 1934, I talked to Mr. Portley on long distance telephone and informed him that I would be pleased if he could take such action. He immediately addressed a letter to the Warden of the Leavenworth Penitentiary. The detainer has now been removed.

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Agent Andersen, while indirectly discussing [] with the Warden of the penitentiary, was advised that it would be a simple matter to now secure [] parole. He stated that the Division in Washington could make arrangements with the Parole Board to address a communication to the Warden of the penitentiary stating that in view of the fact that the [] has been removed, the Board considered that [] should be granted a parole forthwith.

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It appears now that the way is cleared to use [] as a confidential informant. The matter of restoration of civil rights can be taken up at a later date.

[] has asked no money except a small amount for expenses to take him as far as Wewoka, Oklahoma. He stated that he would like, however, to have some old automobile, which would probably not cost to exceed \$25.00. The purchase of that automobile could be arranged easily here. [] has stated that he could keep in touch with an Agent of this Division, but under no circumstances would he want any local law enforcement officer in the State of Oklahoma to be advised regarding his activities. He indicated that he would cooperate to the utmost and even suggested the use of veronal. He stated that when he found Floyd and Adam Richetti, and after he had notified this office, in order that Agents might be in the vicinity to effect the apprehension of Floyd and Richetti, he, [] would place this drug in some drinks of intoxicating liquor that Floyd and Richetti almost invariably have present when not actively engaged in crime, and that the capture of the two men would then probably be effected while they were both asleep. He also advised that he would be willing to jam the guns of both Floyd and Richetti so that they could not be fired in the event they were awake at the time the Agents attempted to bring about their capture.

Of course, I realize that most informants of the character of [] are unreliable, and there is considerable possibility, even after he is released, that he may not deliver Floyd and Adam Richetti into Federal custody. However, there appears to be little question but what he is intimately acquainted with those two men and can deliver them, if he so desires. He has stated that in the event there are any rewards that of course he would naturally like to have that money after he brings about their capture. In view of these circumstances, I believe it advisable to proceed with the use of this individual.

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It is respectfully suggested that the Division take appropriate action regarding the above. It will be noted that in the event the Division indicates that we should proceed with this individual that in further communications, he will be designated as Confidential Informant [redacted]. It is suggested that the Division also use that designation. Of course, the Division realizes that extreme caution should be exercised in keeping the identity of this individual and his activities highly confidential. It would probably lead to the death of this man in the event that Floyd and Richetti became aware of his designs.

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It is requested that the Division wire this office any action which may be taken.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. E. E. Conroy,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 12, 1934, in response to the Division's letter dated April 23, 1934, requesting that the services of confidential informants be obtained by your office as an aid in conducting investigations.

I note your comment to the effect that you consider it inadvisable to give to local authorities or to the press any information which may be conveyed to us by a hardened criminal regarding other hardened criminals. You cite the case of [redacted] as a case in which the Division has acted in a manner contrary to that which you consider to be advisable in such matters. In so far as I am aware, no information was furnished by this Division to any newspaper or representative of any newspaper concerning [redacted] statements to our Agents. If you have any information to the effect that any person connected with this Division furnished to the press any confidential information furnished to Division officials by [redacted] I desire that you immediately advise me of the same in order that I may take the proper action.

In connection with your statement to the effect that you do not believe it is desirable or advisable to give to local authorities information which may be conveyed to us by a hardened criminal, regarding other hardened criminals, I would like to be advised by you as to whether you consider that the Division should withhold and suppress in its files information received by it indicating a specific violation of a State Criminal Statute. That is to say, when any criminal who is being held under a Federal charge makes a statement clearly indicating the identity of individuals responsible for the violation of State Criminal Statutes, is it your view that the Division should take no action upon such information, and should in fact hold the same and suppress the information in the files of the Government?

I, of course, am strongly of the opinion that any information furnished to this Division by confidential informants must be treated in the strictest of confidence, but I think that we must consider the identity of the informant and the information which he has furnished to the Division. Where a criminal arrested by the Federal authorities furnishes information clearing up certain

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criminal acts committed under State jurisdiction. I do not believe that the United States Department of Justice can be placed in the position of suppressing such information from the proper prosecuting officials. I think it largely resolves itself into the question as to when a person is a confidential informant. In the case of [] while he furnished information of considerable value and interest, his status is that of a convicted felon, and the information which he furnished involved other persons who were guilty of violation of State and local criminal statutes. The Division did not disclose any general information furnished to it by [] to the local prosecuting officials, but it felt it was incumbent upon the Division to bring to the attention of such local law enforcement officials specific information furnished to it by [] a convicted felon and one who had [] which he described. As a matter of fact, I am advised that it is the contemplation of a prosecuting attorney in one of the Middle Western States to proceed with prosecution against [] on a charge that may carry with it the death sentence. I do not believe that this Division could have been placed in the position of withholding such information. To have done so might have eventually subjected the Division to very serious criticism in that it suppressed information, which, if made available to the prosecuting authorities, would have resulted in the clearing up of a number of serious crimes, one of which carried with it the death penalty.

There is no one who more insistently demands that the identity of confidential informants be safeguarded and that information furnished by them be handled in the most discreet and confidential manner, but following this general policy does not mean that we must in a measure compound a felony by suppressing information which might be received by us, not from one who is serving in the true capacity of a confidential informant, but from one who is a convicted felon, and who makes the statements largely because of what might be properly termed selfish motives.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. NATHAN....
MR. TOLSON....
MR. CLEGG....
MR. WLEY....
MR. J. WARD....
MR. GAN....
MR. QUINN....
MR. LESTER....
CHIEF CLERK....
MR. RORER....

May 18, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

With reference to the confidential informant [redacted] concerning whom numerous letters have been written to the Division, please be advised that for the past several days he has not contacted this office, and the present indications are that he has abandoned his role of informant.

[redacted] informed Mr. Rorer that he was thinking of going West, and in that connection asked Mr. Rorer to furnish him transportation to Des Moines, Iowa, as he thought he might look around there and secure some information of value. Mr. Rorer did not furnish him with the transportation desired, and it is entirely possible that the informant has gone to the West Coast.

In the event he contacts this office again the Division will be promptly notified.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

CHICAGO

MAY 21, 1934

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BREKID AUTHORITY GRANTED TO EMPLOY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

[REDACTED] AT THE RATE OF SIX DOLLARS PER DAY FOR A PERIOD
OF THREE DAYS TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE CAN PRODUCE INFORMATION
CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF BARKER AND KARPIS. KEEP THE DIVISION
ADVISED AS TO HIS ACTIVITIES.

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DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Brantley called from Memphis and advised that he had told the informant, who states she can submit information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas to the Division, that the Division would pay her a reward of \$1,000 if and when she produced the information which resulted in his apprehension, but that the Division would not enter into any written agreement to such effect; that after considering this matter she advised that she was willing to obtain the information upon Mr. Brantley's promise that the money would be forthcoming; that she is proceeding to St. Louis tomorrow night and that he, Mr. Brantley, will go with her at that time. It is in St. Louis that she expects to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas. Mr. Brantley stated that she could not leave before tomorrow night because of arrangements she had to make before leaving. Mr. Brantley stated that he would keep the Division advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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URGENT MAY 22 1934

Special Agent Conley called from Memphis, Tennessee, last night and advised that the informant [redacted]

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Respectfully,

G. W. Conley.

I see nothing objectionable to the above arrangement if the Division can be assured no publicity will be given to [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CRAWLEY

MAY 24 1934

In regard to the memorandum of Mr. Newby, dated May 17, 1934, reporting his conference with the officers of the Parole Board in connection with the possibility of a parole for [redacted] who we thought might be able to be of some assistance to us as an informant in the apprehension of Floyd and Richetti in the Kansas City Massacre Case, I believe that we should await further word from the Kansas City Office concerning this matter. Obviously, our Kansas City Office did not handle the matter properly with the police authorities at Joplin, Missouri, or otherwise the police authorities would not have written the kind of letter with the notation upon it which they did. Until we hear further from our Kansas City Office, we of course will not press the matter with the Parole Board.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Today I conferred with Judge Arthur D. Wood, Mr. Tucker, and Ray L. Huff in the offices of the Parole Board, concerning the matter of obtaining a parole for [] register number [] United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas in order that the latter might be used by the Kansas City Office as an informant in bringing about the location and apprehension of subjects Floyd and Richetti in the KANMO case.

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I explained to the members of the Board that it was not the policy of the Division to seek the release of prisoners from penitentiaries, and in this instance the request was being made in view of the aggravated nature of the case for which Floyd and Richetti were being sought. I further explained to them that it was desired that [] be released in a regular procedure so as not to cast suspicion on him which would defeat the purpose for which he would be released.

Judge Wood stated that he would gladly cooperate with the Division in effecting the release of [] on parole, and sent for the file on the prisoner. On top of the file was a photostatic copy of a letter forwarded to the Parole Board by the Penitentiary officials, which letter was dated May 7, 1934, and was received at the Penitentiary from the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, sent by Ed Portley, wherein it was requested that a detainer previously placed against [] by that department, be withdrawn at the request of "The Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation".

When Mr. Huff saw this photostatic copy of the letter, he stated that the fact that the Division was interested in obtaining the release of [] had become generally known among all prisoners upon receipt of this letter, and that if [] is now released prematurely, either on parole or through commutation of sentence, he will, no doubt, be put on the spot in that the information will be sent out of the Penitentiary through underworld channels.

Mr. Huff, after examining the file on the prisoner, stated that [] had formerly declined to apply for parole; that his name had not appeared on the docket of prisoners heard by the Parole Board on the occasion of its last visit to the institution; that the next session of the Parole Board at Leavenworth will be held on [] and that any re-

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lease of the prisoner prior to that time would be an irregular procedure and would immediately become known to all the inmates. He further stated that the prisoner could be released by commutation of sentence whereby it would be necessary for him to report to a designated officer for an indeterminate time; that this procedure is prerequisite to a restoration of civil rights, and in order to effect a release under this procedure it would be necessary to make a request for the release based upon some emergency such as the death of a member of the family

In view of the above I did not leave the memorandum dated May 17, 1934 prepared for the Director, Bureau of Prisons, requesting the release of [] inasmuch as I thought that perhaps this matter would be reconsidered by the Division, and it is attached hereto.

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Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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CHICAGO IS CALLING ON A CONFERENCE CALL O HOLD THE LINE PLEASE
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DIRECTOR AND STP OFFICE

DILLINGER CASE

SAC CONNELLEY TELEPHONED THAT ONE [REDACTED] MICHIGAN CITY INDIANA PENITENTIARY NUMBER [REDACTED] APPROACHED HIM TODAY AND DESIRED TO BECOME AN INFORMANT. [REDACTED] HAS BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH HIM AT [REDACTED] A FEW DAYS AGO A MAN CALLED AT GIVEN ADDRESS AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO [REDACTED] AS BROWN FROM CINCINNATI AFTER WHICH HE INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT JOE SAID TO GO TO [REDACTED] BELIEVES FOX AND OTHER MEMBERS OF DILLINGER GANG ARE TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AT [REDACTED] CHICAGO. UPON DIVISION AUTHORIZATION SAC CONNELLEY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR [REDACTED] TO PROCEED TO CHICAGO AS AN INFORMANT. CHICAGO OFFICE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM BROADWAY TRUST & SAVINGS BANK THIS MORNING THAT A MAN WAS PRESENTING A CHECK FOR \$85 SIGNED BY PATRICIA CHERRINGTON. ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO HAVE MAN HELD UNTIL AGENTS COULD ARRIVE AFTER WHICH THE MAN WAS BROUGHT TO CHICAGO OFFICE FOR QUESTIONING. MAN PRESENTING CHECK WAS D. MCEACHERN, ATTORNEY, #228 NORTH LASALLE CHICAGO. ASSOCIATE OF LOUIS PIQUETT, ATTORNEY FOR DILLINGER. SAID PATRICIA CHERRINGTON WAS IN HIS OFFICE AWAITING HIS RETURN. SAC LARSON EXPECTS PATRICIA CHERRINGTON AND OPAL LONG TO CONTACT DILLINGER IN MUNCIE, INDIANA, AND DOES NOT DESIRE THEM SHADOWED OR APPREHENDED AT THIS TIME. CONSEQUENTLY MCEACHERN WAS INSTRUCTED TO CASH CHECK AND INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN PATRICIA CHERRINGTON. SAC LARSON ADVISED BY TELEPHONE THAT HIS INFORMANT INFORMED HIM THAT THE PURPOSE OF PATS VISIT TO CHICAGO WAS TO OBTAIN MONEY AFTER WHICH SHE WOULD PROCEED TO MUNCIE, INDIANA, TO CONTACT DILLINGER AND THAT SINCE ABOVE INFORMATION COINCIDES WITH THAT FURNISHED BY HIS INFORMANT IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT THE CONTACT WILL BE MADE. AGENTS ARE CONDUCTING UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION AT 152 SOUTH CRAWFORD, CHICAGO, WHICH IS HANGOUT OF AL VANDER HONTEN, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED] A CLOSE CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH AL VANDER HONTEN WHO STATED [REDACTED] WAS IN HIS SALOON LAST WEEK.

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QUESTION FROM WASH APPARENTLY DIV AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY [REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED HOW SOON DO YOU DESIRE THIS AUTHORITY? I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION I WILL HAVE MR PURVIS SEND A MESSAGE TO YOU FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

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May 21, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

YOUR TELETYPEWRITER MESSAGE REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO PAY b7D
INFORMANT SIX DOLLARS PER DAY DOES NOT INDICATE NATURE OF INFORMATION
EXPECTED FROM THIS INFORMANT OR POSSIBILITIES OF HIS OBTAINING INFORMATION
OR WHETHER HE IS NOW EMPLOYED BY IN CONNECTION
WITH HAMM KIDNAPING CASE OR WHETHER HE HAS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING
SAME KINDLY ADVISE.

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READ ON YOUR CONFERENCE CALL

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DIRECTOR AND HANNI

[REDACTED] CALLED AT THIS OFFICE
THIS MORNING AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN SENT BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO STPAUL FOR
THE PURPOSE OF WORKING ON HAMM CASE. [REDACTED] STATES THAT [REDACTED]
INTEREST IN THE HAMM CASE WAS AS A CITIZEN ONLY. INFORMANT STATES THAT
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE DID THIS THROUGH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE OBTAINED HIS INFORMATION FROM A WOMAN NAMED
[REDACTED] WHOME HE BEFRIENDED SOME YEARS AGO. HE STATES ALSO THAT A
MAN NAMED SHIELDS, INITIALS UNKNOWN AND FURTHER DETAILS UNKNOWN, OF
ST PAUL IS TO BE KIDNAPED. I WILL HAVE INQUIRIES MADE IMMEDIATELY
CONCERNING [REDACTED] AND ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE MORE ABOUT [REDACTED] HOWEVER
REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PAY HIM SIX DOLLARS A DAY FOR A FEW DAYS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF DETERMINING HIS VALUE AS A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. PREVIOUS
INFORMATION RECEIVED BY MR NATHAN THAT ONE L J SHIELDS OF STPAUL WOULD
BE KIDNAPED. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED] IN
CHICAGO. FOR INFORMATION ST PAUL OFFICE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CON
CERNING SHIELDS IN POSSESSION OF CHICAGO OFFICE.

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May 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Waters of Chicago today, he advised that an individual known as [redacted] approached Mr. Connelley at Indianapolis, Indiana today and advised that he was in a position to locate Jimmie Fox, an associate of John Dillinger, and through Fox thought that he could locate Dillinger.

Mr. Waters advised that this [redacted] not the one in whom the Division is primarily interested, was paroled from the Indiana State Prison on [redacted] and that he was acquainted with both Dillinger and Fox who also served a sentence with Dillinger.

Mr. Waters stated that [redacted] wanted transportation from Indianapolis to Chicago and expenses while in Chicago; that Mr. Connelley advised the Chief of Police of Indianapolis referred [redacted] to Mr. Connelley and that in the event he did not want to use his services to send him back to the Police Department and he would. Mr. Waters requested authority to employ this man as a confidential informant for a temporary period to determine whether he could produce any information concerning Dillinger. This expenditure was authorized.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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May 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Mr. Black at Oklahoma City and he advised that Agent Deaderick went to Tulsa and contacted the informant from Chicago; that the informant told him that he was going to Sallisaw and Tahlequah in an effort to locate Floyd; that after he had him located he would notify an Agent to accompany him under the pretext that he had to have a witness to the information given to him by Floyd and that Agent Deaderick would accompany him on this trip, but that Deaderick has not yet heard from him.

In connection with Attorney Comstock, Mr. Black advised that they had heard nothing further from him. I told Mr. Black that we should not postpone this matter any longer but that he should be advised point-blank that unless he produces immediately action would be taken looking towards the prosecution of him on charges of harboring a fugitive. Mr. Black stated that Agent Smith had an appointment with this attorney tonight and that he would get in touch with this Agent and the attorney would be so advised. Mr. Black will advise the Division of the result of this conference, as well as any other information the informant from Chicago is able to obtain.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 23, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Re: NAZI MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Sir:

As per instructions contained in Division letter of May 19, 1934, which letter was received at this office on May 21, 1934, relative to the paying of confidential informants, on May 21, 1934 Special Agent J.F. McDevitt of this office paid to [redacted]

\$8.00 in cash, and purchased dinner and refreshments for him at the Venetian Cafe, 11th & Filbert Sts., Philadelphia, out of his own personal funds, for information furnished as to be furnished in the case of Nazi Activities in the United States.

It was impossible to obtain prior authority for the above payment due to the fact that McDevitt's contact with [redacted] happened simultaneously with the receipt of the letter of reference.

[redacted] name is on file at the Division as an informant.

Very truly yours,

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R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 21, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases -
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201,
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases - Fugitive, Identification Order
#1194, et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

With reference to the Division letter under date of April 4,
1934 pertaining to alleged information in possession of one [redacted]
[redacted] as to the possible whereabouts of Charles Arthur
"Pretty Boy" Floyd, I wish to advise as follows:

[redacted] Special Agent K. D. Deaderick of this office recently interviewed
[redacted] and was informed by [redacted]
that he had received his investigative training via. correspondence, and
upon closely questioning this person, it is clearly evident that he has no
information whatsoever as to subject Floyd or any other person involved in
this case.

It might be stated that this office is now in receipt of three
letters just received from [redacted] in addition to numerous letters
previously received, none of which are of any value.

Attention is also invited to a letter under date of May 18, 1934
from the Los Angeles Division Office to this office, forwarding a photo-
static copy of a letter forwarded by [redacted]
to that office.

At the time Agent Deaderick interviewed [redacted] he went into
a long story of how he read all the newspapers and kept in touch with all
the criminals and outlaws in this section of the country, but it is clearly
evident that his information on these matters is that drawn from his vivid

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imagination. He desires to be financed by the Government and sent about over the country to try and locate subject Floyd. [redacted] stated that should he at any future time receive any information of value as to Floyd's whereabouts, he would immediately advise this office.

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Very truly yours,

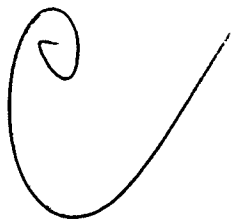
EARLE M. BLACK, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
Los Angeles

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Reference is hereby made to Division telegram dated May 10, 1934
and to letter from the Los Angeles office to the St. Paul office dated May 5,
1934 in the above entitled case.

It has been determined by Special Agent Paul Hansen that very few
officers in Oklahoma know that [redacted] is still living. Numerous
inquiries, however, revealed the fact that she is married to one [redacted]
and this couple is now living at [redacted]
According to the Tulsa City Directory, [redacted]

Several inquiries were made concerning [redacted] and most people are
of the opinion that he is reliable but it did not seem wise to openly interview
him. He has never been [redacted] for several years
in [redacted] He is about [redacted] years old and at present is employed as a
[redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed under the pretext of the writer being con-
nected with the Oklahoma State parole board and inquiring concerning the work
and activities of Arthur "Doc" Barker. [redacted] said that Kate Barker asked
to borrow some money from him about eight years ago and he refused to loan her
any and that she became angry and [redacted] have not heard
from Kate, directly, since then. Neither have they seen or heard from either
of the Barker boys since that time. [redacted] said that he had read of some of
the trouble the Barkers had been into but he could not say if any of it is
true. He did not seem to care for either Kate or either of her boys and re-
ferred to Fred and Doc as "mean", "no good", and "neither of them have done any
work since they got into the penitentiary the first time". Also he was "sur-
prised that Governor Murray would parole such a man as Doc".

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[redacted] received a letter from a friend who now lives in Los Angeles, California a little over two months ago in which the friend stated that he had seen Doc on the streets in Los Angeles a short time before. He did not recognize Doc until he had passed by and Doc apparently did not recognize him so nothing was said between them. This is the only word [redacted] and his [redacted] have had in any way of either Kate, Doc or Fred for several months, he said.

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It could not be ascertained to date that Kate Barker's name was Effie Gordon or anything about her other sisters and alleged half-brother. There is no Wheeler Street in Tulsa, but the above described [redacted] is apparently the same as the [redacted] referred to by the informant [redacted] in the Los Angeles letter dated May 5, 1934. A further inquiry will be made concerning their alleged relatives. A mail cover will be placed upon all mail received at [redacted]

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK - Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Los Angeles
St. Paul
Chicago
Kansas City

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May 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Connelley called from Indianapolis last night and advised that a confidential informant had stated that Dillinger with three women were living in a farm house near Versailles, Indiana; that information was that Dillinger had been taken out of this place about 3:00 A.M. May 23d for the purpose of medical treatment and that it was expected that he would be returned probably last night; that the indications were that there were also two other individuals there, one of whom was probably Van Meter.

Mr. Connelley stated that he and Agent Johnson were proceeding to Versailles last night; that he was taking with him nine Agents who would be stationed at some point before reaching Versailles in order not to arouse suspicion and that he and Johnson would proceed to Versailles to make a surveillance of the place and endeavor to get verification of the informant's statement; that arrangements have been made with the State Police and the Indianapolis City Police Department to call them in on the raid if and when it had been determined that Dillinger was at this hide-out; that the present arrangements were that the State Police would be in readiness to send two men and the Indianapolis City Police Department to send twenty men. Mr. Connelley stated he would endeavor to keep the Division advised in the meantime but all the towns in that location were small and that it would be better not to make any calls to Washington but, if it could be arranged, he would call Morton, who is being left in charge at Indianapolis and Morton would relay the information on to Washington. He stated, however, that in the event Dillinger was apprehended he would, of course, call immediately. Mr. Connelley stated that the raid would probably not be until the early morning of May 25th.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Dear Sir:

In order that the records may be complete, please be advised that Mr. Guy C. Packard, head of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, called on me recently and stated that an informant with a long criminal record had come to see him and stated that he had met up with an old friend of his in Chicago who had informed him that Dillinger was in Wisconsin, about 250 miles from Chicago. He stated that this man had come to Chicago for the purpose of obtaining a doctor for Dillinger and had invited this informant to come up to see them at Wisconsin.

Mr. Packard later discovered that this place is LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and that Dillinger was supposed at that time to be living in an unoccupied house on some edge of the town, direction being unknown. LaCrosse has about 30,000 people.

After listening to Mr. Packard, it seemed to me that this story sounded somewhat similar to the one told me by an informant who had previously been sent by me to Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the Dillinger gang there, and upon exhibiting a photograph of this man to Mr. Packard, he stated that this was the identical man, [redacted]

I informed Mr. Packard that in spite of this it would probably be a good idea to try this informant out, and he stated that he would do so, and if he found that after the informant received the money he went out and got drunk, he would pick him up immediately.

When he returned to his office he found that this informant had become nervous and had left and to date he has not heard from him. It is my opinion that the lead at LaCrosse is too indefinite, and it is also my opinion that this [redacted] is a four-flusher, and I do not believe that he is able to furnish any information of value. However, in the event that he calls on Mr. Packard again, I have arranged with the latter for him to furnish the informant with \$50.00 in the event it is believed that he will be able to furnish any valuable information.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

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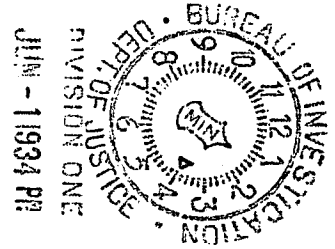
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
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Post Office Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

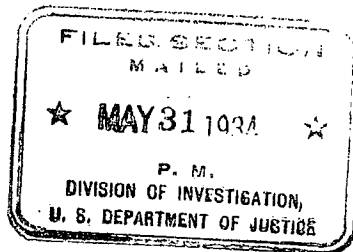


Dear Sir:

The fingerprints of George A. Ball which accompanied your letter of May 24, 1934 have been placed in the Division's Identification Files for possible future reference.

Very truly yours,

Director.



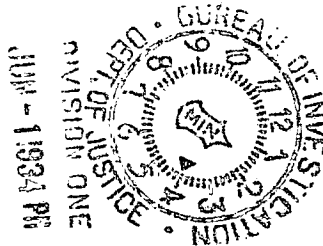
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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

EJC:MGR

May 24, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

Reference is made to memorandum submitted by Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Muncie, Indiana, April 20, 1934 in regard to JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER - with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1217, et al., and particularly the reference therein to the alleged information as to a supposed kidnaping, as furnished by informant, [redacted] wherein George A. Ball, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ball Bros. Manufacturing Company, Muncie, Indiana was to be the victim. No further information has developed as to this alleged possible kidnaping, however the police department there prepared a fingerprint card, for identification purposes only, of George A. Ball, the supposed victim and copy of same is herewith enclosed to the Division and one copy of such prints is being retained in the file at the Cincinnati Office.

Please have these fingerprints placed for identification purposes.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 24, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: WILLIE HEENEY;
J. A. Goodman - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to letter of the Chicago Office dated May 5, 1934 and copy of memorandum of May 3, 1934, attached hereto, contact was had by me with J. A. Goodman of the Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Indianapolis, Indiana, and living at Mills and Kessler Blvd., Crow's Nest, a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana and he was advised of the information furnished by Mr. Purvis, as furnished by this alleged informant, [redacted] and he indicated to me that [redacted] had not, as yet, contacted him. This is evidently the party [redacted] had in mind, when he referred to Mr. Goodman at Indianapolis, Indiana, as the party who would be supposedly kidnaped.

Mr. Goodman was given my name and address here at the Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana on the date of my interview with him, May 3, 1934 and he was also furnished with the address of the Cincinnati Office and it was requested that he immediately communicate with me if anything developed, indicating the possibility that he would be kidnaped. He also indicated that he would make satisfactory arrangement for the protection of his family; however, that previous to this date he had received no information that anyone intended to kidnap him, although he has been having considerable labor trouble at the plant here at Indianapolis and this trouble has been given wide-spread publicity and the police have been in continuous action around the plant at Indianapolis.

To date, Mr. Goodman has not advised me as to this party, [redacted] calling upon him and in the absence of further information from Mr. Goodman, we are taking no further action as to this.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Indianapolis, Indiana
May 3, 1934.
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Mr. Purvis, SAC, Chicago, telephoned that an informant who was to go to work for him about a month ago, but instead went to Buffalo, got back to Chicago and came in to see him and tells him of an alleged kidnaping at Indianapolis. This party is [redacted] first name unknown, 5'6" [redacted] 150#, stout, light colored eyebrows, blue eyes, when he talks and shuts his mouth, his chin sticks out and he has a peculiar look, pinkish face or complexion; cannot make him out; he may be crazy, says he will not work either with Purvis or me at Indianapolis, that what he wants to get is his pay from Goodman. Informant's story is that Goodman, a manufacturer of Indianapolis or his children are to be kidnaped, that is, after his labor trouble, the man who is to do the job is Willie Heeney, a known racketeer at Chicago. He has no other identities to who Goodman is; this party [redacted] is a rough, tough nut; they are supposed to hold Goodman at St. Joseph, Mich., as the hide-out.

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The Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Indianapolis, Indiana is having very serious labor trouble and strikes at the present time and J. A. Goodman is mentioned in connection with the trouble, as to this, in the papers from day to day.

J. A. Goodman (Sara M) Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Real Silk Hosiery Mills lives at Mills and Kessler Blvd., Crow's Nest, suburb of Indianapolis. G. A. Efroymsen is president; Plant 600-700 Liberty; telephone Riley 9301, Paul A. Ferrel, V. P. J. L. Neuller, Sec., Lazure L. Goodman, (Eather M) treasurer of the company also lives at Mills and Kessler Blvd., Crow's Nest.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 23, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201,
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases - Fugitive, Identification Order
#1194, et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to [redacted] I wish to advise
that about 1:45 p. m. yesterday, May 22, 1934, [redacted] called this office
collect from Joplin, Missouri while I was at lunch, and Special Agent
E. D. Deaderick talked with him. He stated that [redacted]

[redacted] a sister
of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd from whom they failed to learn Floyd's
location; that they had "some" experiences and had driven until after mid-
night arriving in Joplin, Missouri late at night.

[redacted] further stated that it was now necessary that he return
to Chicago, Illinois, and that he was proceeding to Kansas City, Missouri
on the afternoon of May 22, 1934 and would catch an airplane at Kansas City
on the night of May 22d and proceed to Chicago, Illinois; that upon arriv-
ing in Chicago, he would make a detailed report to Special Agent in Charge
M. H. Purvis.

He stated that when he next had an opportunity to do some more
work on this case, that he desired all information now contained in the
Division files relative to subject Floyd, and in respect thereto, Agent
Deaderick advised him that he would have to secure authority from the Director
of this Division before securing such information.

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May 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Acting Special Agent in Charge Black called from the Oklahoma City Office and advised that as a result of another interview with the [redacted] it appeared that the sum of \$100 was standing in the way of [redacted] making contact with Floyd; consequently, \$100 was advanced to him; that he left this afternoon with Floyd's wife for some unknown point to contact Floyd; that he had indicated it would probably be late tomorrow afternoon or tomorrow night before they heard from him, at which time he would call the Oklahoma City Office and advise where Floyd could be reached.

In connection with informant [redacted] Mr. Black advised that a telephone call had just been received from him from Joplin, Missouri, advising that he had talked with Floyd's sister but that he had nothing more to report at the present time; that he was returning to Chicago. He was requested to contact Mr. Purvis upon his arrival at Chicago.

Mr. Black and Mr. Deaderick who has been in contact with this informant are both of the opinion that this informant is not in a position to produce, but is merely after information concerning Floyd.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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*Confidential Informant
aka Leroy Floyd*

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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May 24, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with
aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1217 - et al
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Reference is made to the Division's telegram of May 15, 1934, advising that the United States Marshal at Puerto Rico forwarded to the Department an anonymous letter postmarked May 7, 1934, advising that the author had indicated that John Dillinger is reputed to have been in Puerto Rico, and that he is supposed to have sailed from some place in Texas for Santiago de Cuba.

Your attention with respect to this matter is invited to my letter of May 17th, in which I informed of the investigation made in connection with this information in Puerto Rico by Donald A. Draughon, the United States Marshal for Puerto Rico.

With reference to the Santiago de Cuba angle, I desire to supply the following information which was obtained by Special Agent Roger L. Main, resident Agent at Miami, Florida.

Agent Main contacted [redacted]

[redacted], who is a reliable cooperative informant of the Jacksonville Office. [redacted] stated that the presence of Americans in Santiago de Cuba is somewhat unusual; that the city has a population of about 180,000 persons of which ninety per cent. are negroes, and should Americans land there, their presence there would soon be known. He also stated that the Casa Grande Hotel is the only place where white people can stop. He is very well acquainted with the Manager

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of the Casa Grande Hotel, and is presently communicating with him concerning this matter. [redacted] is also communicating with a reliable officer in Santiago de Cuba by the name of Rafael Arrue.

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Agent Main also contacted [redacted]

[redacted]

Re Miami. Special Agent Main contacted [redacted]

[redacted]

Agent Main is of the opinion he has made sufficient arrangements with contacts in Miami and [redacted] to determine whether Dillinger has ever been in Santiago, as was indicated in the anonymous letter received by the United States Marshal at Puerto Rico, postmarked May 7, 1934.

The Division and the Office of Origin will be kept fully advised with respect to any information obtained in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley called tonight from St. Louis, Missouri and advised that the informant had contacted Carney in St. Louis with reference to the whereabouts of Galatas; that she had not obtained any definite information but that during one of the contacts he asked whether she knew Bob Graham of Natchez, Mississippi and that she also told him that she intended to go to California and see Galatas' mother. At this time Carney indicated considerable interest and requested her to get in touch with him before leaving. Mr. Brantley stated that he was undecided as to whether the reference to Bob Graham had any bearing on the matter, but stated that he was known to have harbored a number of fugitives and that it may have been his way of advising her that Galatas could be contacted either at his place or through him.

He stated, however, that the informant could not go immediately to Natchez, Mississippi, but would do so as soon as she could do so with discretion and had some excuse for such a trip; that she had promised to contact him, Mr. Brantley, as soon as she had obtained any information of value.

Mr. Brantley stated that she did not seem to be concerned about any money at the present time and that her trip to St. Louis had only cost \$40.00.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. E. J. Connelly called this morning at about 6:15 A. M. and advised that they had made raids on three places where John Dillinger was alleged to have been in hiding and that nothing had materialized. Mr. Connelly stated that there was "nothing to any of it".

Mr. Connelly advised that the information had been furnished to Sheriff, R. A. Cardwell of Tipton, Indiana by [redacted] Michigan City [redacted] that on Wednesday [redacted] had taken the Sheriff into the locality where Dillinger was supposed to be and had supposedly contacted the people who were caring for Dillinger who was said to be suffering from blood poisoning as a result of his wounds. Pearl Elliott was supposed to be one of these persons.

Mr. Connelly stated that his investigation made after their raids of the places in question developed that they had been duped; that [redacted] had entered the places in question alone, leaving the Sheriff on the outside and had "fixed" the people in the houses, apparently in order that [redacted] might receive a reward.

Mr. Connelly advised that he had been accompanied by nine Division Agents, two Indiana State Troopers, and 25 Indianapolis Officers. He stated that the State and Indianapolis Officers had returned to Indianapolis and that he and the Agents were returning within a few minutes.

Mr. Connelly was furious at the treatment received at the hands of the ex-convict informant, [redacted] and advised that he intended to discuss the possibility of instituting some gross civil action against [redacted] with the United States Attorney at Indianapolis in the morning. However, he expressed doubt as to any success, unless there could be some prosecution for fraud. Mr. Connelly noted the expense to which State and U. S. Governments had been put and the not too remote possibility that someone might be killed in such forays at instant cases.

Agent immediately furnished the above information to Mr. E. E. Cowley, telephonically.

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Respectfully,

H. A. Taylor.

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Chicago, Illinois
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of April 25, 1934, in the above matter, in which you suggest the desirability of paying [redacted] a small sum of money in order that he may be encouraged to act as an informant concerning the things he might observe at Louis Cernocky's place in the same town.

This will advise that Special Agent W. C. Ryan of this office recently held conversation with [redacted] at which time [redacted] informed Agent Ryan, it is his duty [redacted] to furnish the Government with information and that he does not, at this time, desire any money for such services as might be rendered by him. He was advised this Division would be very willing to furnish him a reasonable sum of money to defray expenses and to pay him for such time as he might lose from his regular work. [redacted] stated in the event it becomes necessary for him to spend small sums of money, he will keep an account of same and advise an Agent of this Division of his expenses in connection with this investigation.

[redacted] stated he has been maintaining a watch on Louis Cernocky's place, but that from now on he will visit Cernocky's bar and restaurant more frequently in the hope of securing information of value with regard to this case, the Dillinger case, or any other prominent case in which the Division might be interested.

This office will arrange to have an Agent visit [redacted] as often as possible, in order that proper contact may be maintained.

Very truly yours,

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E. H. FOWLER,
Special Agent in Charge

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New York, N. Y.

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May 26, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: CHARLES HAWOOD,
Candidate for Appointment,
U. S. District Judge,
Southern District of N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent P. M. Breed, dated May 26, 1934.

The name of the confidential informant
who stated that the above candidate's name was originally
Horowitz is U. S. Attorney Howard W. Amell of the Eastern
District of New York, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Very truly yours,

P. X. PAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Larson called from Detroit at 4:45 P.M. and advised that his informant had just informed him that Mrs. Clark had just received a card from Pat from Churubusco, Indiana which is near Fort Wayne, Indiana by way of Chicago, Illinois. The card stated "He just had dinner here and am on our way." Mr. Larson stated that Mrs. Clark did not get her mail at her home and they are endeavoring to ascertain how she does get her mail and if they can determine this, they will place a mail cover. Mrs. Clark's son, about 27 years of age, did indicate to the informant however that they were getting the mail through a man on a street down below where they live. Mrs. Clark's son is a drunkard.

This post card apparently confirms the informant's previous information to the effect that Pat Cherrington and Opal Long are expecting to go to Fort Wayne and then to Muncie. Mr. Larson believes it advisable for the informant to proceed to Muncie so that he may be there when they arrive. In the event they do arrive, the informant will notify Larson at once.

Mr. Larson has communicated with Mr. Purvis at Chicago and Mr. Purvis will check all roads going into Fort Wayne. However, inasmuch as the post card was mailed yesterday morning, it is possible that Cherrington and Long were in Fort Wayne yesterday. The Division will be advised of all developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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May 23, 1934,

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Keith called this afternoon and advised that [redacted] who had previously filed an application for a position as Special Agent (A) in the Division had a considerable amount of information in his possession in connection with the Nazi investigation and that he believed he could obtain additional information, and recommended his employment as a confidential informant for a period of thirty days at a salary of \$8.00 per day. This employment was authorized.

Mr. Keith pointed out that [redacted] was born in Germany and came to the United States about six years ago because of the Hitler movement. Mr. Keith stated that he believed in addition to this employment being productive of valuable information in connection with this investigation that after a month's employment if it appeared that [redacted] was capable, his being appointed as a Special Agent (A) in the Division should be given further consideration.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 25, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Peter Abbott et al
W. S. T. A.
File 31-1665.

Dear Sir:

In the report of Special Agent L. Levin dated May 25, 1934, at Philadelphia, Pa., in the above entitled case, there appears on page 2 information from a person designated as Informant No. 1.

This individual is [redacted] who has requested that his identity remain secret and who was promised that such would be the case.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 26, 1934.

Mr. E. E. Conroy,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

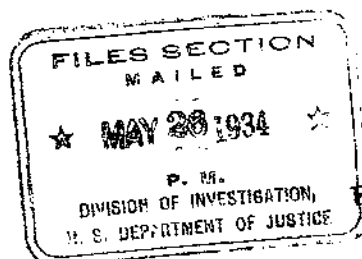
Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated May 15, 1934 wherein you were requested to advise the Division whether, in your opinion, the Division should withhold information submitted by convicts concerning local violations from the local authorities in whose districts violations have been committed. Kindly advise.

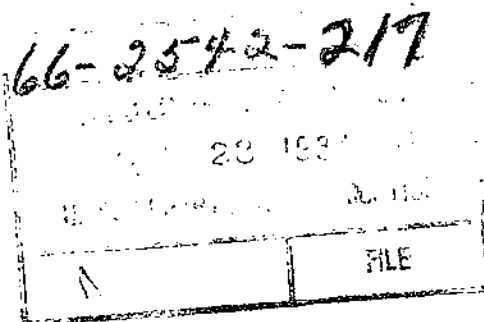
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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May 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ROBERT L. BURGESS
O.G. 47298

Information was received through a confidential informant at [redacted] on August 16, 1917, to the effect that Robert L. Burgess, City Editor of "The News", San Jose, advised [redacted] that he would go to jail before he would submit to the draft. Mr. Burgess had been called for service, passed the physical examination and claimed exemption on the grounds of having a dependent wife. The local board at San Jose made a ruling that married men, without children, who were physically fit had to be certified for military service, providing the wife could pass a physical examination. Burgess is reported to have remarked that if certified for service, he would refuse to go to war on the grounds that he did not believe in war and would take a jail punishment in preference. He had been known for some time as a conscientious objector and the editorial utterances in his paper had been near treason, without perhaps getting "over the line". They had also indicated, at least by intimation, a sympathy with the IWW movement in Santa Clara, County.

It is further reported that R. L. Roberts, in discussing a new liberty loan with one [redacted] stated that "I am afraid I will be forced to buy a liberty bond. My wife told me that she would lose all respect for me if I bought one. I wish you would wire the President for me and tell him to go to Hell. I get so made at these fellows some times that I would kill them if any good could be accomplished by it, but it would only mean my death without accomplishing anything."

[redacted] upon interview stated that Burgess was not pro-German, but was thoroughly loyal to this Government, and that the ideas expressed by him were the result of his Socialist tendencies; that he was the organizer of the Socialist movement in San Jose and was radical along those lines.

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Mr. Richard Bressini, Deputy County Clerk of San Jose, California, reported that he had been acquainted with Burgess for years, and while he knew him to be somewhat radical on account of his Socialism, he had never heard him make any pro-German remarks, but had heard him say that while the President had made a great mistake in entering the war that he himself had no sympathy with the war or with the draft, but that he was thoroughly loyal to the United States Government and the allied cause although he considered all wars criminal.

On July 9, 1918, Mr. H. L. Beggerly, publisher of the San Jose Daily News called at the Division Office in San Francisco in connection with investigation made at San Jose of Mr. Burgess, at which time Mr. Beggerly advised that he was much interested in this investigation for the reason that he feared an investigation or possible prosecution of Burgess would result in great loss of patronage to his newspaper. He stated that he had known Burgess to be a radical for a long time; that he associated with radical people and had been very active in radical circles. He was of the opinion, however, that Burgess would not do anything against the Government, and stated that he employed him because he was an excellent newspaper man.

During the investigation of Burgess at San Jose, radical literature and correspondence were secured from him by Special employee Montgomery, which was obtained from his residence at 375 North 14th Street, San Jose with his permission, without the serving of a search warrant, and it is stated that he aided in conducting the search for this literature. Burgess was District President of the Social Labor Party and boasted of his friendship with such notorious characters as William Short, Reverend Whittaker, McAvoy, Frank Corral and others. He admitted that he believed in the doctrines of the Bolsheviki and Soviet and that his sympathies were with the movement in Russia.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

1216 Smith Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas,
May 28, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, W. A.
FUGITIVE - I. O. #1217, ET AL
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

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Dear Sir:-

JUN 1 - 1934

Referring to my letter, dated April 30, 1934 concerning the case of H. S. Lehman, San Antonio, Texas, Illegal Possession of Government Property. Through oversight the statement of [redacted] was inadvertently unattached to my letter and I am attaching hereto.

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The second paragraph of your letter of May 11, 1934 is being complied with and a detailed report is being submitted concerning the actions of Tommie Carroll at San Antonio, Texas, at the time of the murder of City Detective Perrow. I will also advise you the details of how the San Antonio Police Department were advised concerning the presence of Carroll and Charles W. Fischer in San Antonio at that time.

I can positively state at this time that the informant who advised the Police Department of the presence of Carroll and Fischer had no information as to their true identity or their associations or connections. The informant simply had occasion to observe their movements and actions and had an idea that they were a couple of high-powered crooks and reported the matter to Chief of Detectives Aubrey Hopkins. At that time Carroll was going under the name of Tom McLarkin and Fischer was going under the name of H. L. Keith.

Keith, upon being picked up, was identified through his fingerprints as Charles W., alias "Chuck" Fischer. The killer of City Detective Perrow was identified as Tommie Carroll through photographs exhibited to eye witnesses and two of the city detectives who were wounded. For the confidential records of the files the informant who tipped the Police to McLarkin and Fischer was [redacted]

[redacted] the two men had become frequenters. She had observed that both of them were armed and due to their mysterious movements she decided to report their actions to Chief of Detectives Hopkins

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which she did. Chief Hopkins then sent out a detail of men to pick up Melarkin and Keith with the result that Tommie Carroll killed one detective and wounded two others, and escaped. The connection of H. S. Lehman and the fact that Van Meter and others were with Keith and Melarkin in San Antonio was developed due to the tracing of certain guns that were recovered at the Little Bohemia resort after the escape of the Dillinger mob.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones

Special Agent in Charge.

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

May 26, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217,
et al. NATL. MOT. VEH. THEFT
ACT. HARBORING FUG. FROM
JUSTICE. St. Paul file 26-2434.

The confidential informant mentioned on page 9 of the
report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy dated at St. Paul, Minne-
sota, 5-21-34, is [redacted] proprietor of the
[redacted]

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
May 26, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: STANDARD OIL CO. OF CALIF.; et al.
Petroleum Industry, Los Angeles,
Calif., National Recovery Act.
L. A. File 62-982-

Dear Sir:-

The source from which information relative to gasoline sales for highway purposes in the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington, and which is referred to as confidential in report of Special Agent (A) T. M. Mulherin of May 25, 1934, is [redacted] through [redacted]

These gentlemen asked that their names be not mentioned so as not to create any ill feeling on the part of the officials of the other [redacted] who are under indictment, which might result, if it were known that they were volunteering information to the Government.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

You will recall that some months ago, Mr. Fay advised us that [redacted] had suggested the desirability of our office contacting at Indianapolis with [redacted]. Will you please advise me whether Mr. Connelley made this contact, and if so, what the results were.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley called at 2:10 P.M. this afternoon and advised that he had contacted Mr. Loundsberry; that the woman Mrs. Bates using the name of Gladys Edwards was not in Denver and there was no indication that she had established herself there, that the informant [redacted] an ex-convict from [redacted] had seen Mrs. Bates in Denver on Friday and she had advised him that she was going to Colorado Springs over the week end, and coming back through Denver possibly Monday or Tuesday. The informant advised that she was driving a Plymouth Sedan with Missouri license plates the number of which he didn't get.

Mr. Brantley advised that there was no indication that she had the money, other than suspicion based upon the fact that she is the wife of Bates; that Agents Wine and Deaderick, [redacted]

[redacted] and himself were proceeding by auto to Colorado Springs today to institute a search for Mrs. Bates. He advised that the informant insisted that [redacted] accompany them and that there was no way to get around it.

Mr. Brantley will get in touch with the Division immediately if anything breaks, meanwhile he can be reached through the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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907 Federal Building
Detroit, Michigan.

May 30, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Re: JOHN HERBERT WILLINGER - FUGITIVE
et al.
I. O. No. 1217.

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Dear Sir:

It will be noted in previous communications that [redacted] contacted Opal Long and Pat Cherrington in Detroit through Mrs. Mae Clark, mother of Russell Clark, and upon his suggestion [redacted]

[redacted] they indicated that they would accept this invitation, further stating that they were going to Chicago and subsequently to Muncie. It will further be noted that the informant and the writer proceeded to Muncie, remaining there several days, and when the above two named women failed to show up, [redacted] upon my suggestion, [redacted]

[redacted] that it was necessary for him to contact these two women as soon as possible to furnish them certain information which had been given to him [redacted]

In this respect, Mrs. Copeland [redacted] had received word from her son, Harry Copeland, that the Indiana authorities were contemplating removing him from the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City to Greencastle, Indiana, where he was to be tried on a bank robbery. Mrs. Copeland [redacted] that neither she nor her husband had funds enough to travel to Greencastle to attend the trial, hence they were desirous of securing money from Pat Cherrington. From the information furnished [redacted] by Pat Cherrington and Opal Long, it appears that they are contemplating giving Mrs. Copeland some money which originally belonged to Harry Copeland, Pat telling [redacted] that the money would be furnished Mrs. Copeland at an early date.

Two days subsequent to sending this letter to Mrs. Clark, we returned to Detroit, where [redacted] she informing him that [redacted] and that same had been forwarded by her to Pat and Opal at Chicago. She did not indicate to [redacted] what address they were at and he informed me that he did not deem

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it appropriate to ask her that question. She stated that they had been in an automobile accident and that they had remained in Chicago longer than anticipated. She also informed him that their trip to Chicago was to secure certain monies which Pat is alleged to have had in a bank there. Mrs. Clark [redacted] for the purpose of learning when Pat and Opal would arrive in Muncie. [redacted]

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[redacted] Mrs. Clark that they had just received a card from Pat and showed the card to [redacted] which read, "Just finished dinner here. Am on our way". [redacted] stated that the Clark family was having difficulty in establishing the point where the card had been mailed, as the postmark was blurred and they showed him the card for the purpose of having him study the postmark, which was found to be Churubusco, Indiana, and was postmarked May 22. It was found that the above named city is located 38 miles north of Fort Wayne and on highway No. 2, leading from Elkhart to Fort Wayne. [redacted] stated that Mrs. Clark had previously indicated that Pat and Opal were planning on stopping at Fort Wayne; she gave no reason for this.

[redacted] stated that he was unable to secure the address where the above mentioned postcard had been sent to Mrs. Clark. It is definitely known by this office in view of complete mail covers placed, that the card was not delivered to Mrs. Clark's home or to the homes of her daughters. [redacted] Mrs. Clark on this day, her son, William, stated that he had just been after the mail, indicating that he had called for same at some perhaps nearby point. It was [redacted] thought that perhaps Pat and Opal were headed for Muncie and in view thereof he returned to that city. The last word which I had from him was Saturday, May 26, when he informed me that he had seen no trace of Pat and Opal in Muncie, but that [redacted]

[redacted] she had received a letter from Pat, [redacted] in which letter Pat stated that she had been furnished the message [redacted] to Mrs. Clark, and that it was her plan to visit Mrs. Copeland in the near future. The informant is still at Muncie, but it is believed that he will return to Detroit within the next day or two for the purpose of [redacted]

In view of the developments which occurred in Detroit reported by the Chicago office, there is every indication that Mrs. Clark was truthfully furnishing information to [redacted] as it will be noted that Pat did attempt to have an attorney in Chicago draw an account from a bank there, and there was no question about Pat and Opal going to Chicago as Mrs. Clark had previously informed [redacted]

The latest developments of this matter in Detroit are that I was informed Saturday, May 26, by Inspector Collins of the Detroit Police

Department, who is interested in the Dillinger matter here, that a woman who has known Lieutenant Santell for a number of years, and who also is intimately acquainted with Mrs. Clark, furnished Lieutenant Santell about the same information as that furnished this office by informant [] regarding Pat and Opal going to Chicago, being in the automobile wreck, and attempting to secure money from an account in a bank there. She went on to state that Pat and Opal returned to Detroit on Monday night, May 21, departing Tuesday morning, []

[] that they went to Turkey Run State Park, Indiana, which is seventeen miles from Clifton and not far from Terre Haute; that Pat and Opal met Dillinger there, who is alleged to be driving a Buick or an Oldsmobile Sedan, bearing Minnesota license 57641, and that the meeting took place at the home of one Kay. This woman stated that in two days, [] Pat and Opal; that they stayed overnight, and then departed again.

There is a question in my mind as to whether or not [] Pat and Opal to Indiana, and I am wondering if perhaps she did not chance to see a letter in the Clark home in which there was some information as related above, and that rather than telling the police lieutenant that she had read the letter, she stated that []

The above information was immediately transmitted to Agent in Charge Connelley at Indianapolis, and he subsequently advised that he was unable to find anyone by the name of Kay at Turkey Run, and there was no trace of Dillinger there.

With respect to the above mentioned license plates, communication was had with the St. Paul office and we were informed that these plates belonged to a party in Minneapolis who has a good reputation and that the plates have not been stolen; that they are attached to a Whippet 1928 Sedan.

This woman also related to Lieutenant Santell that [] that she, Mrs. Clark, and her daughters, were going to move to a little cottage on "Swan Creek", just about thirty miles from Detroit, near Monroe, Michigan, indicating that Pat and Opal would be back soon to also occupy this cottage and it was the informant's thought that Dillinger would also be there. This information is corroborated by information furnished by the informant [] who stated that when he contacted Mrs. Clark, she also told him that she was contemplating moving to a cottage near Monroe.

Lieutenant Santell and myself drove to this cottage as directed by his woman informant and it was found that Mrs. Clark and her married

daughters were occupying same. The cottage is located about one mile off the main road in a secluded spot and one which undoubtedly would offer an excellent hideout for Dillinger. The woman informant mentioned above advised Lieutenant Santell that [redacted]

[redacted] that she will be on the alert to determine if Dillinger or any members of his gang appear there.

Arrangements are also being made by this office to determine if an Agent can be placed in the vicinity without causing any suspicion for the purpose of maintaining a surveillance. It is felt that if we can determine the point where Mrs. Clark is receiving her mail, it will help us materially in this investigation, and every effort is being put forth to that end, but to date without success.

It was recently determined by Special Agent Peters at Lima, Ohio, that Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont, mother and father of Harry Pierpont, have evidently moved from Liepsie, Ohio. They indicated to some neighbors that they were going to Mishawaka, Indiana, where their son, Fred, is residing. They left no forwarding address at the post office. Information recently received from the Cincinnati office indicates that Mrs. Pierpont was recently in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Clegg, St. Paul
Chicago
Cincinnati

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May 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Purvis telephoned from Chicago at 12:25 P.M. and advised that the informant [] who had gone to Tulsa to locate Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd had submitted an itemized bill for \$273.00; that the biggest item was an automobile trip on Monday, \$100.00. Mr. Purvis advised that he had told [] that he would receive \$200.00 and he had not promised him any more than that sum. Mr. Purvis wanted to know whether he should pay this extra \$73.00.

I advised Mr. Purvis that inasmuch as the original agreement was to the effect that [] should receive \$200.00, I was of the opinion he should not receive more than that, particularly as nothing had been gained from this informant and it appeared as though nothing would be developed.

Mr. Purvis stated he would see [] this afternoon and advise him that he is not authorized to pay more than \$200.00 unless [] can produce, in which event he will receive further payment.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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May 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black called from Oklahoma City and stated in connection with the \$250 authorized for information leading to the arrest of Barker and Karpis that the informant had indicated that amount was not sufficient to take the risk. He stated that Agent Hanson was of the opinion that \$1,000 should be offered for each member of this gang consisting of about six.

I told Mr. Black that the Division would authorize the payment of \$500 each for Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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U. S. Department of Justice
SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 31, 1934.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 16, 1934, regarding the services of confidential informants as an aid in conducting investigations, and I am inclined to believe that there is a possibility that some of the statements contained in my letter of May 12, 1934, may not have been sufficiently explicit.

Primarily, I might state that I hold no particular brief for [redacted]. He is a dangerous criminal and the best place for him is behind penitentiary walls. On the other hand, he and his ilk are in a position to aid us materially in the solution of major crimes should they see fit. This is particularly true in view of the recent legislation charging this Division with investigation of robberies of National Banks and members of the Federal Reserve System. Due to my experience in the handling of major crimes and my knowledge of the operations of police officers who have been successful in their efforts to cope with the hardened criminal element, I am inclined to believe that the use of an informant of this character is indispensable.

Insofar as [redacted] himself is concerned, it was not my intention to pass on the particular merits of his case. I merely intended to use him as an example. He had been the most valuable informant of this office until other prisoners at the Leavenworth Penitentiary became aware of his activities through outside sources. For instance, Thomas//Holden, the notorious criminal, appears to have called to [redacted] attention the alleged fact that the Chicago Daily Times in an early March edition set forth that [redacted] had been questioned by Division Agents and that a lot of valuable information had been secured from him. [redacted] sometime thereafter conveyed this information to an Agent of this office. I became concerned and shortly thereafter, while discussing other matters over long distance telephone with Assistant Director Harold Nathan at Oklahoma City, called his attention to the incident. Mr. Nathan suggested that I call the Chicago Office with reference thereto. In this regard the Division's attention is respectfully directed to a letter from the Chicago Office to this office dated April 2, 1934.

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In connection with my views as to whether the Department should withhold from local authorities information regarding violations of the State Statutes, I cannot reconcile myself to believe that such is anything but highly advisable under many circumstances. In the event that an informant, whether confidential or otherwise, transmits information which involves him personally in some minor crime, and at the same time divulges evidence pertaining to a major crime of national importance, in my mind there appears no question but what his usefulness should not be destroyed by adhering to a technical course of conduct. Under these circumstances I feel that the government is in a position to decline to furnish to state authorities the information regarding the minor crime in the interest of public policy.

I wish to assure the Division that my comments regarding the handling of informants has been purely motivated by a desire to give the Division the benefit of what experience I may have had along those lines.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

EEC:os

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
May 31, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the trip which [redacted] made to Tulsa, Oklahoma recently in connection with an alleged effort to contact "Pretty Boy" Floyd. There is quoted below an itemized bill submitted by you on his return to Chicago:

Plane fare Chicago at St. Louis.....	\$13.95
Advance and Wire to Collins.....	11.35
Bus from Airport to Mayfair Hotel, St. Louis...	1.00
Telephone to Collins.....	2.45
Room.....	2.50
Bus fare to St. Louis Airport.....	1.00
Plane Fare to Tulsa.....	21.00
Bus to Mayor Hotel.....	.75
Taxicab for trip to Wynona and later.....	16.00
Rooms for [redacted].....	5.00
Telephone to Deaderick.....	1.20
Auto hire on Monday trip.....	100.00
Gave [redacted] fifty dollars.....	50.00
Expenses on Monday trip, including ten dollars given for [redacted] approximately.....	20.00
Room rent at Thompson Hotel (Tahlequah).....	1.50
Bus fare to Fayetteville.....	2.20
Bus Fare to [redacted] and Kansas City for myself.....	6.60
Train Fare over Santa Fe to Chicago.....	16.75
Total.....	\$276.25

[redacted] was not informed by this office that he would be allowed any more than \$200.00, for his expenses to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and this amount was given to him prior to his departure, and it was only upon his return that I learned of the exorbitant charges made by him, as will be noted by the list above.

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I talked with [redacted] on Tuesday, May 23, when he called at this office, and informed him that in view of the fact that the Government had agreed to expend \$200.00 for the purpose of his trip to contact Pretty Boy Floyd, it would be impossible to give him any more money. [redacted] indicated that he would continue to endeavor to contact Pretty Boy Floyd, and that he felt in view of the situation that he should reimburse the Government in the sum of \$200.00. I informed him that that would not be necessary, and it is my opinion that he would not do so anyway, because he stated that he did not know how he could do so. It is my opinion also that this man merely desired a trip to Oklahoma, and that he cannot contact Pretty Boy Floyd, although if he furnishes me other information, I will give it due consideration.

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Very truly yours,

MHP/dr

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

Los Angeles, California
May 29, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order 1201,
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order 1194,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
L. A. File 62-964

With reference to Division letter dated April 25, 1934, transmitting a copy of letter dated April 17, 1934, addressed to the United States Secret Service Department by Mr. C. C. Hamil, 762 Elma Street, Ontario, California, indicating information concerning "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the following is respectfully submitted:

Calvin Cline Hamil, 633 25th Street, Cucamonga, California, mail address 1042 Jefferson, Ontario, was interviewed by Special Agent H. J. Kneen of this office. Mr. Hamil advised that he had formerly lived at Hennessey, Oklahoma, where he had worked for his father-in-law Fred Herscher, and that he left Oklahoma for California in February, 1933. When questioned with reference to his knowledge of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, he stated that Floyd formerly lived at Seminole, Oklahoma, and that his brother, first name unknown, now resides at Seminole; that Floyd's mother, first name unknown, resides at Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Hamil admitted that he does not know the whereabouts of Floyd, but stated that if he were given a position as a Special Agent in the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and permitted to go by himself to Oklahoma, he believes he could find Floyd, due to his intimate knowledge of the Sallisaw, Oklahoma territory.

Mr. Hamil stated that he saw "Pretty Boy" Floyd a year ago in Stuart, Oklahoma; that in December, 1932, he saw "Pretty Boy" Floyd and two strangers eating in a restaurant at Tablequah, Oklahoma, the man who owned the restaurant informing him that one of the three men eating in the restaurant was "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Hamil further stated that he saw "Pretty Boy" Floyd in Hamhandle, Texas, September, 1932, at which time Floyd was eating in a restaurant. At

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that time, Floyd had two women and a man with him; that the male companion of Floyd was seated in a Pontiac car, and had some kind of gun barrel across his lap.

Mr. Hamil stated that his regular occupation is that of a gold and copper miner, having originally lived at Mosquero, New Mexico.

Mr. Hamil is twenty-seven years of age, admitted that he is presently unemployed, and earnestly desires to return to Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Kansas City

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

CHICAGO ILLINOIS

VERNON C MILLER DECREASED ET AL OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
IN REPLY TO YOUR TELETYPEWRITER MESSAGE OF TODAY ADVISING THAT
[REDACTED] HAD INDICATED THAT HE COULD OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD AND REQUESTS EXPENSES FOR TRIP TO OKLAHOMA CITY
TO INTERVIEW FLOYD'S RELATIVES ADVISE [REDACTED] THAT A MINIMUM REWARD OF
FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS WILL BE PAID FOR INFORMATION RESULTING IN THE
APPREHENSION BY DIVISION AGENTS OF FLOYD BUT THAT NO PAYMENTS CAN
BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF SUCH INFORMATION

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DIRECTOR

RE VERNON C. MILLER, DECEASED, ET AL., - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

REFER TO CHICAGO TELETYPE MAY 19 CONCERNING PROPOSITION OF [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] TO LOCATE PRETTY BOY FLOYD. [REDACTED] VISITED CHICAGO

OFFICE MAY 30 WITH [REDACTED], LYLE COLLINS,

[REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE TELEPHONED

COLLINS WHO INSTRUCTED HE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WOULD GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT FLOYD'S LOCATION. [REDACTED] RE-

QUESTED MONEY FOR TRIP BUT REFUSED HERE. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE MADE TRIP TO ST LOUIS VIA PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE AT OWN EXPENSE WHERE HE HAD MEETING WITH A STRANGE MAN IN [REDACTED] THAT STRANGER CLAIMED

HE INTENDED MAKING TRIP INTO OKLAHOMA TO [REDACTED]

VOLUNTEERED HAVING [REDACTED] ACCOMPANY HIM ADVISING HE SAW FLOYD SHORT TIME AGO AND FLOYD NOT BADLY INJURED. [REDACTED] INQUIRED RELATIVE TO AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY TO MAKE CONTACT AND STRANGER INDICATED SEVERAL DAYS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE GONE THAT LONG. THE STRANGER INFORMED [REDACTED] HE WAS LEAVING IMMEDIATELY BUT SUGGESTED [REDACTED] EXPLAIN HIS PROPOSITION RELATIVE TO [REDACTED] FROM FLOYD TO FLOYD'S

RELATIVES IN OKLAHOMA AND INDICATED THEY ARE IN CONTACT WITH FLOYD AND MIGHT ARRANGE INTERVIEW. [REDACTED] REQUESTS EXPENSES FOR OKLAHOMA TRIP

TO INTERVIEW FLOYD'S RELATIVES AND SUGGESTS AGENT ACCOMPANY HIM TO POSE AS [REDACTED] FAILURE TO PRODUCE ON PREVIOUS OKLAHOMA TRIP AND PRESENT QUESTIONABLE PROPOSITION INDICATE SOME DOUBT

CONCERNING HIS SINCERITY OR ABILITY TO PRODUCE. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY.

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1400 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
May 31, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:-

Informant [redacted] in connection with the JOHN DILLINGER case informed me on May 23, that he planned to proceed to St. Paul, where a contact might be made by Dillinger with Jack Perkins of Chicago, when Jack Perkins was to arrange a meeting with this informant. This information was furnished to Mr. Clegg by telephone. However, to date, I have not been advised that the informant went to St. Paul, and I have not been able to contact him for several days.

This informant has been furnished with a good bit of money from time to time, and I deemed it advisable recently to advise him that unless he could produce some results, it would be necessary to curtail money being advanced to him. He stated that he was fully confident of making a contact with the Dillinger outfit, within a short time, and that this trip to St. Paul would probably enable him to do so. He has, however, not produced very much information lately, and I will keep his matter closely in mind, in order to dispense with his services in the event such action becomes advisable.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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CC St. Paul.

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1934 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
May 31, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:-

Re: ~~JOHN DILLINGER~~ with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1217, et al.
Natl. Motor Vehicle Theft Act,
Obstruction of Justice.

Confirming my telephone conversation with you, please be advised that [] has been employed as a confidential informant. He has advised me that he has learned that Homer Van Meter will meet a girl in Indianapolis. He has also informed me that Van Meter and two or three others in the gang are said to be in Sylvania, Ohio, which is between Toledo, Ohio, and Adrian, Michigan. I have communicated this information to Mr. Larson of the Detroit Office, with the request that he send a man to Sylvania.

[] also informs me that there is an attorney, whose name and address he does not know, who is supposed to be keeping in touch with the Dillinger outfit, and I rather believe this might be Bessie Robbins of Indianapolis. I have communicated with Mr. Connelley at Indianapolis and this informant has proceeded there this afternoon, where he will get in touch with Mr. Connelley. I have advanced \$30.00 to the informant, with the understanding that he is to pay his railroad fare out of this, receiving any further remuneration from Mr. Connelley at Indianapolis.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, May 31, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of personal and confidential letter, dated May 19, 1934, in regard to the Nazi movement in this country, I would respectfully state that a careful check has failed to reveal any activities of a Nazi nature in the Butte Office territory. I had a confidential informant check Great Falls, Montana, where the Communist activities are greatest and he could find nothing of this nature.

If anything arises, I shall advise the Division immediately and if any representative of the Secret Service or any other Government investigating agency with authority, as named, wish a conference I shall attend it as outlined in Division letter.

Very truly yours,

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D. H. DICKASON

Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 31, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases,
I. O. #1210-FUGITIVE; Charles Arthur
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O.
#1194-FUGITIVE; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Referring to telephonic conversation between Acting Special Agent in Charge Earle M. Black and Mr. Sam Cowley at the Division, May 29, 1934, concerning Fugitive Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the following is a summarization of the information furnished Mr. Black by Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Stanfield, alleged to have been obtained by him from a confidential informant:

....."Floyd is staying on the place of a man by the name of Simmons, twenty (20) miles from Van Buren, Arkansas; that Floyd is not in the house with Simmons but in a small house somewhere on Simmons' place; that Simmons is the son-in-law of a Dr. John Peters of White Rock, Arkansas; that this Doctor has been treating Floyd at his, Dr. Peters, office and may have visited him on the farm of Simmons."

Acting SAC Black with Special Agents F. S. Smith and Geo. H. Franklin reached Fort Smith, Arkansas at 5:00 P.M., May 29, 1934, and were there joined by Special Agents Birch and Perkins. An immediate conference was had with [redacted] there by previous arrangement and it was found that his information concerning persons and their relations and places necessary to contact was indefinite as to identity and location, therefore it was decided to secure the cooperation of Sheriff Maxey of Crawford County, Van Buren, who bears an excellent reputation, has a wide acquaintance and is familiar with the country, and is known to be loyal to this Division.

Agents Smith and Perkins proceeded to Van Buren, Arkansas, where they contacted Sheriff Maxey and subsequently proceeded to Mulberry, Arkansas

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where Sheriff Maxey ascertained through a confidential source that Dr. John Peters is residing in the vicinity of White Rock, Arkansas on a farm which is situated in Franklin County, Arkansas; that he is an ex-convict, unscrupulous and with no character or reputation; that he married the daughter of Hiram Simmons, who resides in Crawford County in a remote and inaccessible section on a farm and surrounded by numerous relatives.

These Agents accompanying Sheriff Maxey next proceeded to the vicinity of Simmons' farm and there contacted a personal friend and confidential informant of Sheriff Maxey in the interest of determining if Dr. Peters had been seen going to or from Simmons' farm. This informant stated that Hiram Simmons has two sons and a son-in-law named James White living in tenant houses on his farm; that the only inlet or outlet to this farm is a narrow lane extending a quarter of a mile from the section road to Hiram Simmons' house, where you enter a gate and follow roads which lead from one to the other of his tenant houses; that James White, the son-in-law, bears a bad reputation and that he and the Simmons' family are all in bad financial circumstances; that the informant about one month ago overheard a conversation between White and others in which it was stated that Dr. Peters had a car, a V-8, which was given him by "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Informant further advised that he had not seen Dr. Peters in the vicinity of Simmons' farm for a long period of time, however, that he could have frequented said farm without his observing him. He suggested the probability of Dr. Peters secreting and treating patients at his home, stating that Peters would do anything for money.

Sheriff Maxey with Agents then contacted a personal friend, a reliable farmer, who resides a short distance from the Simmons' farm, and whose farm Dr. Peters would most likely pass in traveling to and from the Simmons' farm. He stated that he has not seen Dr. Peters pass his place in more than a year and has seen no strangers around the Simmons' place or activity of a suspicious nature.

Agent Black with the other Agents assigned, Sheriff Maxey and his Undersheriff next proceeded to Franklin County, Arkansas and there they met the Sheriff of that County by appointment and proceeded to the farm of Dr. John Peters, where a careful search of the premises and surroundings was made without results. Dr. Peters was minutely questioned by Agents Black and Smith and separately and collectively with Sheriff Maxey, and he emphatically denied knowing Floyd or that he had ever treated him, and stated that he had not been on or about the Simmons' farm for

more than a year; that he became involved in a civil court action with a son of Hiram Simmons, his father-in-law, which created a family enmity and he has not since had any contact with the Simmons' family.

Inquiry through neighbors developed that Dr. Peters has been driving an old car and has not been seen in possession of a strange car, and that he has been seen at or visiting his home of a suspicious nature.

Agent Black and the rest of the party next proceeded to the farm of Hiram Simmons and while the surroundings were safeguarded, Agent Perkins, in company with Sheriff Maxey and his Undersheriff, proceeded to the home of Simmons, who is a man 78 years of age, whom Maxey knows personally and considers an honorable citizen. Hiram Simmons, when questioned, emphatically denied knowing Floyd or that he had ever been at his place, stating that if he had appeared there he would have immediately advised Sheriff Maxey.

Agent Perkins and Sheriff Maxey next went to the tenant house occupied by James White and there talked with James White and his wife, Willie White. They both denied knowing Floyd and of his presence on the Simmons' farm. Mrs. White stated that she was at the home of Dr. Peters in November, 1933 and that Dr. Peters' wife told her that Floyd was at their home during the previous August and spent about ten days there and that Dr. Peters treated him; that Floyd appeared restless and when he left the house for any reason carried a machine gun in an umbrella; that at this point Dr. Peters entered the conversation and corroborated his wife's statements about Floyd.

While the information relative to Floyd being on the premises of Simmons under treatment by Dr. Peters appears unfounded and without merit, it does appear probable that Floyd was treated by Dr. Peters at his home last August. Therefore, Special Agent Perkins, who is now assigned on other investigations in the section where Dr. Peters resides, has been instructed to conduct appropriate investigation in the interest of locating Floyd, who may be in direct touch or communication with Dr. Peters.

I shall promptly advise the Division of any developments in connection herewith.

Very truly yours,

cc-Kansas City

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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June 4, 1934

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: Nazi Movement in United States

Dear Sir

With reference to my letter of this date concerning the
above matter, I wish to state that the informant mentioned
is [redacted]
whose name is already on file as a confidential informant.

[redacted] is at present [redacted]
having succeeded [redacted] who is now in prison in New York.

Very truly yours

R. G. Harvey
Special Agent in Charge

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755 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
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June 4, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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ON 6-7-87
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Re: Nazi Movement in United States

Dear Sir

Reference is made to your letter dated May 19, 1934, in which you request that this investigation be conducted with the idea of developing information concerning the activities of the Nazi movement in this country, with particular reference to anti-racial and anti-American activities, having any possible connection with the official representatives of the German Government in the United States.

I assigned Special Agent J. F. McDevitt of this office to make the investigation. He had been keeping himself informed of the progress of the German Nazi prior to Hitler's becoming Chancellor of Germany in 1933. McDevitt has maintained contacts in Philadelphia and has kept notes and a clipping book.

McDevitt was in Germany, as you know, in 1932, unofficially, of course. He states that he visited ten of the larger cities while there and noticed that uniformed Hitler men appeared nightly in nearly all of the German cities and towns. On the night of June 22, 1932, an enormous celebration was held in Bremen. Agent McDevitt watched the men assemble, and talked with one of the commissioned officers of the Hitler army, employed by the North-German Lloyd Steamship Company at Bremen. This man was very young. McDevitt asked him what the aims and purposes of the organization were and he replied, "Well, for one thing, we don't intend to pay the reparations", adding that President Paul von Hindenburg was an honorary member of the Nazi, in answer to a question of McDevitt as to whether von Hindenburg approved of Hitler's activities.

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McDevitt has a large circle of German friends in Philadelphia and is satisfied that the Nazi movement has a large following here. About four months ago, he asked a German friend what he thought of Hitler and the friend's reply was that most of the Germans in Philadelphia were in a quandary.

The following is a summary of a continued story which began in the Philadelphia Record, issue of 3-24-34, entitled "Nazism, an Assault on Civilization", by Albert Brandt. The editor of the Philadelphia Record is Mr. David Stern, well known New York, Camden, N.J., and Philadelphia publisher (Jewish) and said to be a friend and adviser of President Roosevelt, being listed as such in "Forty-Nine Advisers", an article published in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of 5-22-34, by the Honorable James W. Gerard, formerly American Ambassador to Germany, (Associated Press dispatch).

Brandt claims that active Hitler propaganda is carried on in the United States, with anti-Semitic ramifications, and that the Nazis operate under "the amiable cloak of 'The Friends of New Germany'", organized in 1933, when Hitler rose to power. Brandt, it appears, was active in opposing the rise of the Nazi body in Germany. Since coming to this country in 1933, he has contributed articles on the German situation to leading periodicals. (Agent McDevitt's note: I do not know Brandt's nationality or leanings.. I am mentioning this because other foreign Fascisti organizations will be mentioned in this letter which might appear to be pro-German.)

The Brandt article goes on to say that the American Nazi units, like all other organizations propagating the Nazi idea the world over, are controlled by the Wechtebund of Hamburg. Dr. H. Nieland, until a short time ago Director of the central body, was congratulated upon his efficiency. The Wechtebund was founded in January of 1914, "to defend the justice of Germany's cause throughout the world". Since the war, the letterhead of this organization reads, "League for the Fight Against the Treaty of Versailles". This organization today is spreading Hitlerism throughout the world. As early as 1925, the inner circle of the Nazi body was considering ways and means of winning over the United German Societies of America, especially their most powerful constituent, the Steuben Society, but without much success. The article does not state whether it has been won over. The Division has an old file on the Steuben Society.

The matter of winning sympathy in America was left to thousands of volunteer workers and, up until 1929, the seeds of propaganda in America did not fall upon virgin soil. The titles of some of the propaganda distributed in the United States are:

"Nazi Bible"

Hitler's "My Bible"

"Protocols of the Elders of Zion and

Myth of the 20th Century" by Super Nazi Alfred Rosenberg

all distributed free, the distribution reaching enormous proportions.

Brandt named George Stolzenfels, an automobile mechanic, as one of the leaders of the propagandists in this country (no address). One Manger (no address) undertook to organize not only parallel Nazi cells but also storm troops and "Brown Shirts" patterned after his German constituents.

In 1930, a new impetus was given the work in the United States when the Nazi party sent here well paid propagandists. Ernest Luedecke, registered representative of the Voelkische Beobachter in Washington, took active charge of the work. He was regarded as the unofficial ambassador of Hitler in this country. He sought out American Congressmen to spread the gospel. Brandt charges Congressman McFadden of Pennsylvania and Blanton of Texas as being those who, on the floor of Congress, attacked the Jews. Luedecke, however, offended his superiors and, despite his record, was recalled and placed in prison in Germany.

On September 30, 1932, Dr. Nieland issued a decree establishing an auxiliary of the Nazi party in the United States, and Heinz Spanknoebel of Detroit, Michigan, was made leader. Leaders were designated in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston, and Jersey City. There are photographs of Spanknoebel in the Philadelphia files, which can be had if desired. On January 30, 1933, when Hitler acceded to power and became Chancellor, more money, more literature, and more man power were sent to the United States and the movement began to thrive here. On April 30, 1933, the German leaders ostensibly dissolved their American branch and recalled Manger.

On May 1, 1933, the Nazis established in America the "Friends of New Germany" (pro-Hitler) and every member automatically became a member of the German Nazi party, efforts going so far as to spread Nazi ideas to Americans of non-German origin. For this purpose, another group was formed - "The Friends of Germany", leaving out the word "New". Later, when Spanknoebel disappeared as a result of the Federal indictment returned against him in New York City on November 10, 1933, now being a fugitive from justice, the German Ambassador

Luther in Washington insisted that neither he nor the German embassy had ever been connected with Spanknoebel. It is, however, a fact that Spanknoebel visited the legation at Washington, D.C., and that Dr. Rudolf Leitner, counselor of the German embassy, came to New York at least twice from Washington to confer with Spanknoebel behind closed doors. Regardless of the German repudiation of Spanknoebel, Brandt insists that the German Government and the Nazi party are identical.

As a result of the work done by Spanknoebel in the United States in the United German Societies, four component groups of the Federation of German Jewish Societies were forced to withdraw. At a meeting of the delegates of the United German Societies, evidently held in New York, 90% of those present voted to have Spanknoebel speak at the projected German Day celebration in New York on October 29, 1933. It was planned to fly the Nazi emblem, the Swastika. On that occasion charges were made that fake delegates packed the meeting. Mayor O'Brien of New York prohibited the celebration but, on December 10, 1933, the meeting was held under the auspices of the Steuben Society, turning out to be a Nazi meeting. (Agent McDevitt's note: Assuming that the charges of the opposition that this meeting was packed are true, does this not imply that, at that time, the "Friends of New Germany" were in sympathy with Spanknoebel? Was the meeting held under the auspices of the Steuben Society really the Steuben Society?)

According to an Associated Press Dispatch printed in the Philadelphia Inquirer, 11-11-33, Spanknoebel was an agent of the Presse Abtheil, a press division of the German ministry of propaganda, and it is, of course, known that the prosecutors of Spanknoebel in New York were the Ridders, editors of the German Staats-Zeitung. Brandt charges that the "Friends of New Germany" have organized an extensive spy system. Every German refugee is carefully watched. Their passports are scrupulously checked and should a refugee overstay his permit, he is denounced to the United States Immigration authorities. A list of writers is kept and articles dealing with the Nazi are cabled ~~xxxxxxxx~~ to Germany. (Agent McDevitt's note: Could the Immigration authorities keep a record of persons who make the complaints, investigate them, and, through them, locate the headquarters, their method of cabling, and to whom the cables are sent, thus establishing possible German contacts, both in Germany and in the United States?)

During the Congressional investigation conducted by Representative Samuel Dickstein, D.N.Y., in November of 1933, Clarence Hathaway, editor of the

"Daily Worker" in New York, allegedly Communistic, charged that Representative Hamilton Fish of New York was engaged in spreading Nazi propaganda in this country, asserting that Fish had attended a Nazi meeting in New York City with Spanknoebel after Spanknoebel had become a fugitive. Hathaway named Wallace Haag as a Nazi leader in this country and an aide of Spanknoebel. Hathaway said it was reported that A. Menazing, assistant director of the North German Lloyd Steamship Line was the real "brains" of the Nazi movement in the United States and that the Nazi meeting which Spanknoebel and Fish attended was held in the George Washington Hotel, evidently in New York City, on the Saturday prior to November 15, 1933. When Hathaway was asked to prove same, he said he had obtained his information from Mr. "Z". The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of 11-15-33 shows Mr. "Z's" photograph. This was also published in the Philadelphia Morning Ledger of the same date. The Morning Ledger is now out of existence, but the photograph can be had if wanted.

An Associated Press Dispatch from Geneva, dated October 20, 1933, published in the Philadelphia Inquirer of 10-21-33, said the League of Nations was sounding out the Jewish organizations in United States and England as to whether they approved the choice of James G. McDonald of New York as Commissioner of Refugees and, at the same time, the League was negotiating with McDonald to learn whether he would accept. (Agent McDevitt's note: McDonald might be a good contact to develop the source of the alleged secret cablegrams and work of the Nazi among refugees, mentioned above.)

The name of Hitler's Secret Police is the "Jestapo". The Philadelphia Record, issue of 10-26-33, states Dr. William Popche, Chairman of the Committee from the United States German Societies, a Lutheran minister, suggested to Mayor O'Brien of New York, when the Mayor refused to permit Spanknoebel to make an address, that Dr. Ignaz T. Gribel, a U. S. Army surgeon in the Medical Corps Reserve, be substituted. It was implied at that time that Dr. Gribel was president of the "Friends of New Germany". This news article goes on to say that B. V. Vorborg, president of the German Bicycle Club in New York testified that Spanknoebel made the statement that he had enough storm troops armed with blackjacks ready for anyone who tried to break up their meetings.

On 12/14/33, the Philadelphia Record published an article saying that one Altor Kauf, reputed bodyguard of Spanknoebel, ~~was~~ was sentenced to serve six months in the County Prison at Newark, N.J., on December 13, 1933, having been arrested on October 16, 1933, during the Nazi rally in Newark at which Spanknoebel spoke, while escorting the latter to his car, when he drew a homemade blackjack to strike at an anti-Nazi demonstrator.

With regard to the part played in Nazi activities by the organization known as the Khaki Shirts of America, headquarters of which are in Philadelphia,

(Philadelphia file entitled HERBERT NELVIN SMITH with aliases; KHAKEI SHIRT OF AMERICA, DISCOMPORTED, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning) the leader of which is Art J. Smith, now in prison in New York City, Smith was suspected of working with Heinz Spanknoebel (Philadelphia file entitled HEINZ SPANKNOEBEL with aliases - FUGITIVE, Espionage Act). The following is an idea of Smith's activities:

Smith boasted that he intended to join the German Nazis in New York and is said to have held conferences with Spanknoebel and to have corresponded with B. D. F. Stahlheim, head of the Steel Helmet organization in New York, said to be directly connected with the organization in Germany.

With further respect to this, Agent McDevitt has called attention to his report dated 11-17-35, page 2, in the SPANKNOEBEL file. Smith, so far as is known, became active in the Nazi movement about October 30, 1933. The Nazi organization in Philadelphia has secret agents in the Khaki Shirt movement in Philadelphia observing Smith. These agents were reporting to Walter K. H. Aldinger, a druggist, 3421 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, local head of the Nazi, which, at that time, was composed of eighty members. It was Aldinger who introduced Smith to Spanknoebel in Philadelphia. Aldinger has made a public statement to the press that he no longer heads the Philadelphia Nazis and that the local head of the organization is one Ludwig Germerhausen of Delhi Street near Jusquehanna Avenue in Philadelphia, a machinist. Efforts to locate this individual by newspaper reporters in Philadelphia were unsuccessful. Our confidential informant states that Aldinger is the head.

When Smith was arrested in Philadelphia recently on a minor charge, a German named Mrs. Herzog, 920 North Cripple Street, Philadelphia, went his bail.

It is said that the leader of Nazi propaganda in the United States is one P. L. F. Pichel, General Post Office Box 25, New York City, who is said to be receiving mail directly from Berlin, Germany, in various languages. When trusted ones communicate with him, they never use his name - merely the box number.

Spanknoebel, it appears, used Smith to distribute anti-Communist literature. Some of this literature is entitled "Youth Triumphant" by Viscount Rothermel. This literature is printed by the Fechtbund, 30 Jungferstug, Hamburg 36 Germany. The informant states that nearly

all of this literature is being sent throughout the United States in franked envelopes from a member of the United States Congress. The literature extols Hitler, Germany, the Nazi, Anti-Semitism, and Anti-Communism. Every batch sent out in the franked envelopes contains one piece of American literature. The German literature bears the name "Hermans Erben, Hamburg". According to the informant, a Philadelphia Nazi known to him had this literature and some United States franked envelopes in his possession which were evidently mailed to him for re-mailing. The informant states that these envelopes were sent out by Congressman McFadden, 13th Pennsylvania District. The informant has not yet named the recipient, but he will.

The informant states that Spanknoebel comes to the United States at intervals and, within the past few weeks, came to Boston on a German freighter and brought over German propaganda; that he came to Philadelphia and returned, traveling as a second mate, which is a violation of the laws of navigation unless he is a navigator.

In Philadelphia there are many German clubs, halls, singing societies, etc., the largest of which is the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, Broad and Columbia Avenue. There now exists in the country the German-American Protective Alliance. The Philadelphia branch on Friday night, May 25, 1934, held a mass meeting to which all German Americans and other Americans were invited. The meeting was advertised on circulars as "Against the Boycott", and prominent speakers were scheduled to make addresses in German and English, explaining the harmful effects of the boycott upon the United States. The national organization is known as the Deutsch-Amerikanischer Wirtschafts-Ausschuss (D.A.W.A.). The Philadelphia news organ is the Philadelphia Herald, whose editor is one --- Williams (first name unknown), who resides at about 1208 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, over a barber shop. All of the printing for the local organization is done by Graf & Breuninger, 1631-1638 Germantown Avenue.

Our confidential informant attended the above mentioned meeting at the Turngemeinde hall and learned that the Philadelphia organization is composed of American citizens. There were about 1800 people present - all high type. The meeting was opened by Mr. Rudolph Kessemeier, head of the North German Lloyd Steamship Line at Philadelphia. He introduced Frederick Gertner, prominent Philadelphia lawyer and former official head of the United German Societies in Philadelphia. There was present a company of shock troops in uniform, including about 50 men and 16 women, all less than 35 years of age. The uniform worn by the men consisted of dark gray riding breeches, Sam Browne belts, white shirts and black

ties. They wore low collars and all wore badges. The informant did not have an opportunity to secure one of the badges, although they could be purchased for \$1. He states the men wore no caps. They all had a military bearing and it was rumored around the meeting hall that they had recently come from Germany. During the meeting, this troop stood at attention. The women all wore insignia of some sort on their sleeves. The informant, [redacted] asserted that these men and women never received their training in the United States.

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During the meeting, a telegram was prepared and sent to President Roosevelt, asking for the prosecution of Samuel Untermyer of New York. The telegram was read to the audience and put to a vote and was unanimously approved. The vote was taken with the Nazi Fascisti salute - the outstretched left arm. The informant heard Kessemeier say "Show it to the Consul" and the telegram was shown to a man seated in the audience, but no one said who the Consul was or where he was from. The informant stated that the man to whom the telegram was shown was about 5' 8", about 50 years of age, with dark hair and pointed features, dressed in black and wearing a piccadilly collar. The name of the German consul at Philadelphia is Arno P. Mowitz, 1420 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, a well known attorney in the firm of Mowitz & Kohlhas, Guaranty Trust Building, Philadelphia, and he answers the description of the "Consul" who attended the meeting. The "Consul" made no speech. The audience was silent all during the meeting. Application cards were distributed, soliciting membership in the German-American Economic Alliance and requesting interested persons to state whether they were consumers, retailers, importers, or exporters. Literature was distributed at the meeting announcing another meetings of the "Friends of New Germany" in Philadelphia during the month of June, the dates being June 7, 14, 23, and 28. The meeting for Saturday, June 23, is to be held at 8.30 p.m. at Liedertafel-Sangerbundes Hall, 46, 47, and 49, North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Post Office Box 291. Another was scheduled for Saturday morning, May 26, general admission thirty cents. Some of the literature bears the insignia of the above mentioned D.A.W.A., which is a circle with the German spread eagle and, underneath, the initials "D.A.W.A.", announcing that the Philadelphia group is a member. Other circulars bear the emblem of the Nazi Swastika, printed upon the latter circular is what appears to be a quotation signed by "Adolph Hitler".

Specimens of the above literature will be found attached to this letter. One Henry or Harry Spier, Secretary of the D.A.W.A., addressed the meeting, in English, pointing out the ill effects of such a boycott. He declared that

normally Germany buys about twice as much goods in the United States as America buys from Germany. During the course of the meeting, Henry Spier stated that "they" intended going into politics.

The informant had a talk with some of those present and was told that the only department store with which the German people in Philadelphia will deal is Strawbridge & Clothier's. They will do no buying at Woolworth's. Strawbridge & Clothier is an old line Quaker family.

While the meeting was going on, the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung. Scores of young people ^{outside} sang the "Internationale" and shouted "Down with Hitler!" and made other remarks. Those who met on the outside, according to the informant, were members of the Young People's Socialist League and Young Spartacus League. The Police broke up the outside meeting but made no arrests. The outsiders distributed circulars headed "Workers of German Origin", signed "Labor Conference to Combat Hitlerism", which will be found attached to this letter, being shown for the purpose of displaying the offsetting organization. The circular calls the Nazi movement a "gigantic fraud and a scheme against the American people and American rights", adding that the seeds of Nationalistic and poisoned racial hatred are being planted, etc. The first circular bears Union label of the Allied Printing Trades Council of New York City #119. The second circular bears the same stamp, "Philadelphia Branch".

Agent McDevitt interviewed Philadelphia City Detective Jacob Gomboro (Jewish), in charge of radical activities. He stated that he has been making no investigation concerning the Nazis, and knows nothing about the Socialist party. However, he showed the Philadelphia circular to David Felix, well known Jewish attorney, and, according to Gomboro, the most active individual in the Socialist party in Philadelphia. Felix informed Gomboro that he would take the responsibility for the distribution of that circular at the above meeting. The stamp of the Socialist party appears on it - "808 Locust Street, Philadelphia".

The informant stated that, while the commotion was going on outside the meeting mentioned above, [redacted] stated to Mr. Kessemeier "I could break this thing up in a few minutes if I had my Fascisti there", to which Kessemeier replied, "Wait, if we can't fight one way, we will fight another".

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The informant stated that Williams, the editor of the Herald, agreed to sneak at one of the Fascisti meetings.

Another active Nazi in Philadelphia is an Italian named Eli Carmadesa, whose wife, according to informant, is Hungarian and pro-German and works among Hungarians. It is said that there is a German quartet or double-quartet now in United States, supposedly from Germany and scheduled to sing at the Turngemeinde hall on Sunday night, May 27, 1934.

Application blanks for subscription to the Deutsche-Zeitung of New York were distributed through the D.Z. Publishing Club, P.O. Box 432, Madison Station, New York, telephone Stuyvesant 9-0053.

There will be found attached an editorial clipped by Agent McDevitt from the Deutsche-Zeitung, issue of May 26, 1934, No. 21, Volume 2, bearing on Samuel Untermyer. Also, there will be found attached another clipping from the same paper, "A Resolution", dated New York City, May 17, 1934, too lengthy to incorporate and published in the German language, but which was evidently sent to President Roosevelt, calling upon him to direct the Department of Justice to consider those responsible for the present boycott for prosecution. Also, there is attached another clipping, relating evidently to a talk made by Henry O. Spiers at Madison Square Garden, no doubt the same Spiers mentioned above; also, a clipping showing the telegram sent to the Secretary of the "Friends of New Germany" by the Honorable Louis T. McFadden, member of the House of Representatives from Pennsylvania, dated May 17, 1934, in which Congressman McFadden regrets his inability to be present at the meeting in Madison Square Garden, and the answer signed by the "Friends of New Germany of America, the United German Societies of Greater New York, Inc., the German & Austrian War Veterans of America, the German American Protective Alliance of America (D.A.V.A.) and many other American societies not affiliated with us". stating that they thanked McFadden and offered him their support on Election Day. This clipping also gives the names and addresses of various German American societies in the United States, including the Steuben Society.

The Deutsche Zeitung appears to be possibly the official German organ in the United States. There is attached, also, a clipping (advertisement) of the Active Detective Bureau, 220 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Rooms 16, 18, and 19, telephone (daytime) Lexington 2-8479, (night) Jerome 7-4321, also shore Road 5-1659. It might be well to keep this in mind, in view of the rumor that refugees from Germany are investigated and reported to the Immigration authorities. Another advertisement, which is attached, is of a photography studio called the "Tuenchener Photo Studio, 108 Ost. 87th Street, 1. Stock, New York". This particular advertisement, along with a few others,

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On the afternoon of May 22, 1934, this information was submitted to the Division at Washington, D. C. via. long distance telephone.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City

bears the emblem of the D.A.W.A. There is also an advertisement with reference to the German quartet, no doubt the same as above mentioned. This advertisement names as the quartet leaders and celebrities Herr Rektor Georg Brauner, Herr Dr. Karl Hoffmann, and Professor Felix Schmidt, all of Germany. It is known that at times such groups have spies among them.

attached will be found, also, a booklet entitled "Historical Facts You Ought to Know" by the United German Societies of Greater New York, Inc., 347 Madison Avenue, New York, distributed at the Friday, May 25, general meeting above mentioned. The purpose of this booklet is to bring about a better understanding between American and German nations. First issued by the Deutsche Legion, German Legion, Inc., it lists the names of some of the world known Germans active in scientific work; also, discoverers in the medical and musical world, etc., claiming 25 per cent of the population of the United States is of German descent, origin, and blood infusion. It lists the names of Germans who fought in our wars. (Note the absence of any Jews, particularly Einstein).

On 11-16-33, Agent McDevitt, while at Camden, N.J., talked with Attorney James Mercer Davis, brother of Honorable Warren Davis of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. He told Agent McDevitt that he had been reading the news articles concerning Spanknoebel and stated that, if there was any merit to rumors of German propaganda in the United States, he felt that a certain man, Ferdinand Hanson by name, now in Germany, might be involved. He stated that Hanson is a man about 60 years of age. Mr. Davis said that, during the War, he represented some clients in the United States among whom was one Edward G. Hanson, 922 Putnam Street, Plainfield, N.J., a cousin of the above named Hanson. The case involved \$19,000, which, it appears, was sent to Ferdinand Hanson, then in Germany, from the United States through Sweden. Ferdinand Hanson was very anti-American and wrote several books attacking in a vicious manner former Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Davis still has two of these books and Ferdinand Hanson still writes to him, attacking him. One of these books is entitled "An Open Letter to an English Officer and Incidentally to the English People" by Ferdinand Hanson, published in 1919, at Hamburg, 15, Germany, Herman George Scheffauer Overseas Publishing Company. The other bore the name of the same author and publisher and was entitled "Pillory and Witness", having been published in 1920. The above books are being mentioned because the present German literature being distributed is coming to the United States from No. 36, Hamburg and shows "Printed by Hermannus Urbenc", while the 1919 literature uses the name Herman George Scheffauer. Mr. Davis said the Hensons are interested in two New York

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concerns, the Romanoff Caviar Company and the Russian Caviar Company and that he would not be surprised if these concerns were financing the present German propaganda. Mr. Davis stated that Edward G. Hanson of Plainfield, N.J., while a cousin of Ferdinand Hanson, is not in sympathy with Ferdinand and would, if ever needed, prove a good contact.

On 11-25-33,

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The Philadelphia Record for 11-26-33 published another article from Havana, Cuba, indicating that strict anti-Jewish immigration regulations were about to be executed. Our file on the Khaki Shirts reflects that Smith, while in Philadelphia, was corresponding with the Khaki Shirts in Havana, Cuba. It might be well to give this some consideration in view of the attempted murder of the American Ambassador to Cuba recently.

On 5/28/34, the informant reported that on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, 1934, the German American Federation Clubs of Pennsylvania of which Gartner, above mentioned, is the head, held a convention in Scranton, Pa., the object of which was to advance the cause of boycotting the boycotter. At that convention, it was agreed that signs were to be made up with the D.A.F.A. insignia and that these signs were to be displayed in the windows of merchants sympathetic with the German cause. It is said that the list will be sent to every German and German-American club in Pennsylvania and the members will distribute them. The informant feels that he can get copies of this list later and he has been told that Gimbel Bros. department store will be on the black list.

On Saturday night, May 26, 1934, the informant went to the Liedertafel Hall, above mentioned, but found that the meeting was being conducted in German. Not being able to understand German, the informant worked on the outside of the building. There were about 1,000 people inside. Three large touring busses from New York City were parked outside. The informant talked with the driver of one, who said he had brought over Nazi shock troops and had also brought them over the night before, so they must have been the same troops

who attended the Friday meeting at the Turngemeinde. The women troopers were also there. The informant took the license number of one of the busses, same being New York Q-41993, Kohler Coach Company of New York. The informant also saw two New York private cars, bearing the license numbers Q21-45 and Y-36-63. The Pennsylvania cars were too numerous to mention. The bus drivers told informant they received about \$10 apiece (tip) for bringing the New York crowd over.

The Sunday, May 27, affair was merely a concert (see attached program) conducted by Professor Felix Schmidt.

Agent McDevitt interviewed James L. Hughes, Commissioner of Immigration, Gloucester, N.J., and William H. Houghton, U. S. Secret Service, Philadelphia. Both stated that they have nothing of any importance to report but, in the event they should receive any information, they will immediately notify this office.

The confidential informant will observe the German consul at Philadelphia, Arno P. Mowitz, for the purpose of determining whether he was the "Consul" present at the Friday, May 25, meeting. The informant will also try to determine whether the leader of the Nazi group in Philadelphia is Aldinger or Ludwig Germerhausen. The Police of the 3d Detective Division, which covered the May 25 meeting will be interviewed for the purpose of determining whether there was anyone on the inside who saw and could describe the "Consul". The boycotting list about to be published as a result of the Geranton convention will be secured, also.

Very truly yours

R. G. Harvey
Special Agent in Charge

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ADDENDUM

Since dictating the above, the confidential informant reports that he has viewed the photograph of Arno P. Mowitz, German consul at Philadelphia, and identified it as that of the "Consul" whom he saw at the above mentioned May 25 meeting.

The informant further reported that, [redacted] Mrs Carmasidesa [redacted] her husband and 100 others left Philadelphia for Hoboken, N.J., to meet someone who had just arrived on a German ship from Germany. This information was received too late to be of any value.

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Dear Sir:

Re: FRIENDS OF NEW GERMANY
(Nazi Movement in the United States)
Investigation to Determine Extent and
Activities of Nazi Movement in the
United States
L. A. File 62-1054

In accordance with your letter of May 19, 1934, I have made inquiries in connection with the above entitled matter, and my report is being submitted herewith.

It will be noted that the investigators for the House Committee are working on this matter at Los Angeles, the specific activity of these investigators not being known to this office, other than that they are watching the headquarters of the party here, as well as the homes of some of the members. It is also noted that the Secret Service and Immigration Divisions are conducting inquiry in the matter, their activities not being known, inasmuch as no representative of either of these organizations has contacted me about the matter.

In view of this situation, further investigation by this office will be held in abeyance pending instructions from the Division. If it is desired that this office conduct a further inquiry into the matter, I would suggest that arrangements be made to employ [redacted] who is mentioned in my report, as an informant, due to the fact that she is now in a very strategic position inside of the organization, and could obtain valuable information as to the future operations and policies of the Friends of New Germany. [redacted] impresses me as being a thoroughly reliable woman of good intelligence, and one who could intelligently and effectively handle the assignment. However, your attention is invited to the fact that she is [redacted] of R. Robert Carroll, the congressional committee investigator, [redacted] with reference to the Friends of New Germany. Carroll informs me that the committee [redacted] and I believe that even if we employed [redacted] she would [redacted]

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Mr. Leon Lewis informed me that several days after ~~he~~ had contacted him about this matter, a representative of the Secret Service called to see him; that Mr. Lewis informed the Secret Service man that he had turned all the information over to me, and suggested that he call upon me with reference to the same; however, as stated above, no one from the Secret Service has contacted me.

Mr. Lewis also informs me that not all of the data which is contained in my report is in the possession of the congressional committee, because the data in the report is right up to June 1, 1934.

I am retaining temporarily the copies of reports made by Mr. Lewis' under-cover men, as set out in my report, at this office. It should be noted, however, that the congressional committee has the originals of these, and all other reports up to January, 1934.

No further inquiry will be made here in connection with this matter, pending your advice; however, Mr. Lewis will furnish me with copies of literature, partial lists of names of members, and other documentary evidence during the course of the next week, and I shall transmit this data to you upon receipt thereof.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with recent Division letter, a survey has been made to determine the extent of Nazi agitation in the territory covered by this office. Inquiries were made of the officers in charge of the Radical Detail of the San Francisco Police Department, who stated to their knowledge there was no Nazi activity in San Francisco. Captain T. D. Foster of the U.S. Secret Service, could not be communicated with, as he is recovering from an automobile accident. An effort was also made to communicate with Mr. Clarence Merrill of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation, Sacramento, California, who is in close touch with all radical movements in this territory, but Mr. Merrill was out of the city, and will not return until Tuesday June 5th.

Special Agent Montgomery contacted two confidential informants, who furnished him with the following information:

From a preliminary but inconclusive investigation, it appears that Ortsgruppe of the "Freunde des Neuen Deutschland" or "Friends of Germany", was organized in San Francisco in November, 1933. Though a Nazi organization in that many of the Hitler theories are expounded and advocated, denial is made that it is affiliated with the parent organization in Germany. Meetings in German, for members only, are held each Tuesday night at California Hall, Turk and Polk Sts., commonly known as the German House; and once or twice, monthly, meetings open to the public, are held in the evenings in the same hall. Harry P. Lehman, a broker, with offices in the Financial Center Building, usually is the speaker or lecturer at the public meetings. He also is said to be the society's most active campaigner and propagandist. The headquarters are in the Aryan Book Store, 562 Polk St., San Francisco, where it is said the Executive Committee meets. For sale in the Aryan Book Store are various publications in English and German, explaining the purposes of the organization. Speakers in both English and German

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are supplied by the Aryan store. Attendance at public meetings is said to vary from 75 to 200. The number of active members has not been ascertained. The membership is said to be made up largely of young Germans. Older Germans, of the conservative type, appear to be opposed to the organization.

So far, the organization has confined its activities to the glorification of the rulers of present Germany, and to impress upon those of German blood their duty to align themselves with the fatherland. The organization does not appear to be particularly active, nor to be making much progress.

Captain Foster and Mr. Morrill will be communicated with at the first opportunity, and a more detailed report will be transmitted to the Division.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

On the afternoon of April 30, 1934 at 2:10 P. M. we received a signal from our informant, [redacted] and who at present is located at the home of [redacted] for the specific purpose of getting information as to the location of John Dillinger or immediately learning of his appearance at this point which he is expected to contact should he return to this vicinity he being aware of the [redacted] that John was then at the house. The arranged signal was that [redacted] was to walk out and proceed to Mooresville and wipe his forehead with his handkerchief in order that the Agents might contact him at Mooresville as to the full details of who was with John. He did not complete the arrangement in so far as going to town apparently for reason that [redacted] insisted that [redacted] The signal was otherwise very definite.

We immediately assembled all available men and they took their respective stations as previously planned in such an emergency to prevent this party John getting away. At the same time I contacted Chief of Police Morrissey and he assembled in twenty minutes six squad cars and twenty four men who also proceeded to Mooresville by the rear approach without going through Mooresville to reach the vicinity of the old man's home and these men were all subject to my exclusive instruction and direction. All roads were blocked within one mile of the home to prevent any one getting through who could not account for themselves, the officers for this duty being in uniform. Agent Geraghty and myself then proceeded to a point about one quarter mile from the home of the Senior Dillinger [redacted]

any way uncovering our contact with [redacted] and he immediately advised us that his intention at the time the signal was given was to get to us in some way the information that a letter had been received indicating that John was in Ironwood, Mich. and he wished to get the information to us at once and could not do otherwise without arousing the suspicions of the Senior Dillinger, he having in mind that some

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one of us who knew him would make ourselves available in the vicinity in order that he could contact us (see details in my memorandum of April 30, 1934 which has been included in reports as to this).

Immediately this situation was made known to us through [redacted] we withdrew all officers from the vicinity and the only officers and the Senior Dillinger saw were Agent Geraghty and myself. We were satisfied of the sincerity of our informant and also we still had the situation covered through our Agents who were concealed in the vicinity. This did not consume more than one half hour, that is, the time we were in the vicinity. The Police were not advised as to the source of our information and did not ask to be advised. We advised them there had been a confusion of signals. The Police through Mr. Morrissey, the Chief, departed with the advice that they would be available at any time during the full twenty four hours of the day at any time we asked and without question as to just what we had. This was also confirmed to me personally by Mayor Sullivan of Indianapolis. These officers are all experienced police officers and well equipped with machine guns, etc. and a squad car with bullet proof glass.

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On the evening of this date the May 1, 1934 edition of the Indianapolis Star carried a story that the home of John W. Dillinger, his barns and outhouses had been raided by the Government Agents and the Indianapolis Police, that the State Police had not taken part in this. Which latter may be some indication as to where the story came from. This story was based on misinformation as it will be noted that we did not even so much as enter the yard of the home of Mr. Dillinger. We have since interviewed Mr. Dillinger and he has given us what is supposedly the full details of John's visit to his place and I believe he is telling the truth and I believe that we have his good will although not much can be expected from him in the way of turning up his son, a possible natural reaction on his part. He says that Mr. Feeney talked with him as to this and he only told him what he believed he knew from a previous quoted statement to the papers as to John being at the house for a short time on Sunday, April 8, 1934.

On the morning of May 1, 1934 Mr. Al G. Feeney, Safety Director of Indiana called me as to this and I advised him when he seemed annoyed that we had not taken him in on the raid that the newspaper account of the situation was inaccurate; that the situation was one where we had to act in an emergency and took the quickest action we could; that we did not have in mind to slight him in this; that the situation as to where the information came from, that is, as to whether it came from us or from the Indianapolis Police could not very well be disclosed; that we had in mind to call him should a situation arise where we knew the location of Dillinger we would call upon him as needed with such others as would be necessary and that we believed that we would receive his utmost cooperation. Mr. Feeney apparently was satisfied and we ended our contact very cordially.

On the evening of April 30, 1934 when this publicity appeared I called the Division in order that you would be advised should any inquiry be made as to what had taken place.

After my talk with Mr. Feeney Mr. Matt Leach head of the Indiana State Police was quoted in an interview apparently given before I had talked with Mr. Feeney to the effect that the reason the State Police were not taken in on the raid was that the Department of Justice Agents were motivated by petty jealousy; that we wished to get all the credit; that we had failed to cooperate on this raid and other sorties; that he had also been tipped that John was at the home of his father (he having in mind apparently a false report that some woman in the vicinity of the fathers home had given the tip that John was home); that when his men arrived on the scene all they found were Police and Federal Agents; that if the Department of Justice Agents continued to send roving bands of heavily armed Agents throught out the country without informing the State Police and local police of the jurisdiction somebody is going to get hurt; that sometime citizens, alarmed and mistaking Agents for Gangsters will send for State or local police and two or three Federal Agents will be slain before their identity is known; that he had sent his available force to the scene, officers Paul Armstrong and Russell Coons, when he learned of this and called in immediately all available reinforcements. On May 2, 1934 in another article he is further quoted as saying that State Police sent to Mooresville on a report of gunmen there had bagged their quarry but it turned out to be a group of heavily armed Federal Agents, referring still to the situation of April 30, 1934.

All of the above is based on inaccurate statements. The Indianapolis Police with us were in uniform because of the necessity of blocking the roads. The State Police have never at any time stopped any of our Agents under any condition. There would have been no difficulty in recognizing the Indianapolis Police in full uniform with us on the occasion in question. Mr. Leach couldnot have had the supposed tip in question as no one had this and not one as yet knows the source of same. The two local Officers at Mooresville know our Agents and have cooperated fully with us calling in many instances at three and four A. M. to give us details of cars seen etc. which information has not been furnished by the officers to the State Police. The Sheriffs at Frankfort, Muncie, Tipton and the Chief of Police at Kokomo, the points where most of the real activity may develop, have furnished us with the results of their respective activities and also leads as learned by them and we have worked with them on these leads. They have not and will not furnish this information to the State Police. On April 7, 1934 the Sheriff at Tipton and the Chief of Police at Kokomo had certain information as to the possible location of Pearl Elliott an associate of the Dillinger gang and they called in the State Police as well as our Agents, Officer Shields of the State Police working on same, on this date and the day following while the matter was still being checked in the absence of definite developments the papers carried a story of the efforts of the State Police in this matter at Indianapolis, the work being in the vicinity of Elwood, Tipton and other points to the north of Indianapolis.

We have since worked out situations as to the location of Pearl Elliott with the same Sheriffs and no mention has ever been made in the papers as to the activity at the time or since making it doubtful that the Sheriffs were in any way responsible for the publicity or were in any way the source of the story to the papers.

The Indiana State Police as per statement of Mr. Feeney to me consists of four~~y~~ eight men for the state. I do not know how they could assemble twenty-four men at Indianapolis in twenty minutes, however I have not taken that particular situation up with them.

Recently in the search for certain of the Dillinger Gangsters or escapes from Michigan, the State Police captured one of these, Shouse, in capture of this party one of the State Police shot and killed one of the other State Police taking part in the capture.

April 26, 1934 when I conferred with Mr. Al G. Feeney, State Director of Public Safety and the immediate superior of Mr. Matt Leach as to the alleged quotation of Mr. Feeney in the Chicago papers that the Federal agents had bungled the Dillinger hunt and which quotation Mr. Feeney denied (as to this there is inclosed an interest^{ing} editorial based upon quoted statement of Mr. Feeney which appeared under the heading "Impersonation") Mr. Feeney stated to me that Matt Leach cannot get the cooperation of other law enforcement officers in the state for reason that he impresses them that he is trying to high hat them and that he antagonizes such officers by his approach to them; that ~~he~~ Mr. Feeney, had no trouble in getting the cooperation at all times of any and all officers; that nobody in the state except himself knew anything about State Police work; that the only reason he knew anything about it was because he took the time and trouble to read up on the subject by studying the set up of such organizations as the Pennsylvania State Police; that he was desirous of establishing a training school for his men here at Indianapolis and at his suggestion I agreed to confer with him at any time as to my knowledge of such organizations with whom I had come in contact in various parts of the country.

There is a general feeling of antagonism to the State Police in the state here as among the Sheriffs, etc., which is evidenced by the ready manner with which the Sheriffs and others cooperate with us, giving us information which is not supplied to the State Police and which would create friction if we were to give to the State Police the information which we receive and also advised them of the source of such information. This is a situation which we cannot disclose to any one.

On the occasion of the car of John Dillinger being found wrecked south of Noblesville, Ind. on April 7, 1934, the Sheriff only communicated this information and his suspicions to the State Police and we learned of this by reason of the fact Agents Johnson and Sears, who were at Noblesville at the time and upon arrival the newspapers at Indianapolis were calling the Sheriff who promptly hung up on them and would not give them any details. Later before we got back from Noblesville, that is, Agents Johnson and Sears, the Newspapers at Indianapolis were quoting Mr. Leach as saying that the car was the car of Dillinger and the afternoon papers carried this in head lines.

In going over the objects in the car and the car itself Mr. Leach proceeded to handle them without any precaution as to the fingerprints on same and discounted the idea of obtaining anything of value from fingerprints and it was only upon our insistence that the car was given any attention as to fingerprints, same being in the custody of the Sheriff and the State Police and the fingerprint man did not do this until the following day. The same handling was accorded the maps found in the car which we forwarded to the Division after obtaining same from the State Police. Mr. Leach's own men on the job with him, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Shields, as to both of whom Mr. Sears indicated they had been drinking rather freely, proceeded to criticize Mr. Leach and referring to the fact when he was absent that probably he was up giving the story to the newspapers.

As will be recalled in connection with the information furnished to the Indiana State Police that Dillinger and his gang were then all together at a place in Hamilton, Ohio after the murder of Sheriff Sarber at Lima, Ohio the State Police with Mr. Leach in command came into Hamilton rather openly and gathered at the Elks Club where Mr. Leach according to statement of Chief of Police Calhoun of Hamilton, Ohio to me had a rather questionable character at the Elks Club call Mr. Calhoun on the telephone to tell him that the head of the Indiana State Police was in town and wished to see him at once. These officers were at the Club from Sunday night to about 7:00 A. M. Monday before they raided the place where the gang was supposed to be and when they did raid one of the cars in garage which had been there when they first arrived was gone and apparently used in the escape. The place was empty when they finally raided it.

The above may seem extremely critical but is set up in detail to indicate my reasons for acting in the manner in which we did on April 30, 1934 when we at first had every reason to believe that it would be necessary to take Dillinger and possibly others who might be with him, particularly when the situation required expeditious action.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge

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June 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

During telephonic conversation this morning, Mr. Purvis advised that last night he had a conversation with Mr. Mayr, Secretary of State for the State of Indiana. Mr. Mayr stated that he is a very good friend of Senator Van Nuys, but that Governor McNutt does not like him, Mr. Mayr. Mr. Mayr requested Mr. Purvis to employ a certain woman in connection with this matter if she is willing to work. Mr. Mayr also feels that Mr. Wolverton, the victim in the kidnaping case, should have more protection.

I called Mr. Purvis' attention to the fact that in conversation with Senator Van Nuys, Mr. Mayr had stated it was imperative that a certain person be employed. I suggested that this person he had in mind was possibly the woman referred to above. Mr. Purvis stated, however, that Mr. Mayr also has in mind a Mr. Bolte, who was formerly connected with the State Police of Indiana, and is now running a private detective agency in Indianapolis. Mr. Purvis suggested that this matter be handled by Mr. Connelley. I told him this would be all right unless Mr. Mayr preferred to take the matter up with him, Mr. Purvis, at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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MEMORANDUM.

In telephone conversation this afternoon with Mr. Cowley at the Chicago office, he stated he thought he would go to Indianapolis tonight. He remarked that they have had the covers there for a month or six weeks, and it is hardly believable that it is not known, and it is likewise hardly believable that the people are going to contact when they know this. I told Mr. Cowley I thought it would be well for him to go to Indianapolis and see Mr. Connelley, and discuss with him the advisability of withdrawing the cover. Mr. Cowley said he would do this, and contact my office about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Cowley also advised it has now been definitely determined that the Indiana State Police had a cover on the matter discussed, although it is not known how long the cover was maintained. Mr. Cowley was instructed to take this matter up with Mr. Connelley, as the Governor has complained about the lack of cooperation. I instructed that it be ascertained whether Feeney had knowledge concerning this cover.

Mr. Cowley attached a good bit of importance to this matter, as our informant has absolutely refused to have anything to do with it if we did disclose it to any one.

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San Antonio, Texas.
June 2, 1934.

J. Edgar Hoover Esq.,
Director, Division of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I am attaching hereto an article that appeared in La Prensa May 28th, 1934. This was called to my attention and the translation furnished me by my old confidential informant [redacted] who you know has always been my stand-by in Mexico.

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[redacted] is now residing here but makes occasional trips to Mexico and is still in position to do the things he used to do in the matter of obtaining information. He advises me that on a recent trip to Mexico City he heard of two Americans that had been spending considerable money at some of the cabarets there and that one of these Americans had recently made a trip to the sea port of Acapulca, located on the west coast of Mexico; that these two Americans had with them in Mexico City a Buick roadster; that during the time he was in Mexico City he heard rumors that Dillinger was in Mexico City, but that he paid no attention to the rumors thinking that it was possibly talk of persons there that had been reading the American newspapers. Since reading the attached story he is constrained to believe that there may have been something to the talk he heard.

I was wondering if there was in the Division any authentic information as to Dillingers whereabouts during the past few weeks and if not it is not beyond a possibility that he may have made his way into Mexico. Under the present set up along the border it is a simple matter for any one posing as a tourist to enter Mexico. All one needs is a tourist card obtainable from any chamber of commerce or Mexican Consulate at a border port. The Mexican Government has a drive on to encourage tourist travel to Mexico and the restrictions have been practically raised.

If you think there is a possibility of Dillinger having made his way into Mexico I believe that I could go to Mexico City, take [redacted] with me and thoroughly cover the city of Mexico and if necessary the ports of Tampico, Vera Cruz and Acapulca which would be the most likely ports he would attempt a departure from. Of course there is the Pan-American Air lines on which a person could travel from Mexico City to South American points, however I am sure this line could also be covered very easily.

I did not make this matter the subject of a telephone call as I was not sure of the information that I have is so uncertain.

I want you to know that I am ready to do anything or go anywhere in connection with the Dillinger or any other case.

Yours very truly,

Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Gus T. Jones,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 2, transmitting an article appearing in "La Prensa", together with a translation of this article, which indicates that John Dillinger may be in Mexico, and have noted the information received by you from [redacted] concerning two Americans recently in Mexico City, who were spending considerable money at some of the cabarets there.

While there is no information in the Division at the present time authentically indicating the present whereabouts of Dillinger, I do not believe that a trip by you into Mexico at the present time would be practical. All posts of the border patrol have heretofore been furnished with Identification Orders relating to Dillinger and his associates, John Hamilton and "Baby Face" Nelson, and all Division offices covering sea ports have been instructed to make necessary contacts whereby we will be notified immediately in the event Dillinger or any of his associates attempt to leave the country.

I appreciate the spirit in which you offer to proceed to any point in connection with the Dillinger case, but do not believe at the present time that the information in our possession justifies taking you away from the San Antonio district. I shall keep in mind the information furnished by [redacted] for the purpose of attempting to tie this information into other information and leads received.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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June 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Indianapolis at approximately 2:45 p.m. He stated he had been talking with Mr. Connelley and has gone around to observe the various places which they have under surveillance, and getting familiar with their operations generally. Mr. Connelley has sixteen men at Indianapolis, two in Dayton, Ohio, and one at Columbus, contacting prison officials and keeping in touch with those who make contact there with the remaining members of the gang who are there pending an appeal. Mr. Cowley feels these men are being utilized to good advantage.

Mr. Cowley advised that Mary Kinder, who left there yesterday, stated [redacted] that she saw Dillinger in Chicago between the 21st and 24th of May. She has stated that this time she is going to contact Dillinger for the purpose of obtaining money. I told Mr. Cowley of the occurrence at Mishawaka, Indiana, this morning, where Mary Kinder was being kept under surveillance, and which was interfered with by the police of Mishawaka. Mr. Cowley stated that while this is a great handicap, he would not concede that it is all "blown up." Mr. Cowley stated that Mr. Connelley is in constant touch with a young man [redacted]. This boy gives Mr. Connelley all the information which [redacted]. This informant advised Mr. Connelley that Mary Kinder was going to Pierpont's place in Mishawaka and from there would make a contact with Dillinger. I suggested to Mr. Cowley that he get in touch with Mr. Furvis and indicate to him what should be done in the Mishawaka situation. Mr. Cowley said that Mr. Connelley suggests that the force of Agents remain at Indianapolis, at least until the Kinder woman returns, which suggestion I approved. Mr. Cowley also stated that a number of places in the Indianapolis vicinity are being covered where it is known that Dillinger has made frequent contacts. I told him to have no changes made at the present time.

I gave to Mr. Cowley the developments in connection with Mr. Gordon, of the Burns Detective Agency, who has proceeded to Paris, Texas, in company with Robert Delgado.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1201; Charles Arthur
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1194; et al - Conspiracy
to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

On May 17, 1934 I received a letter from Blaine Danley, U. S. Probation Officer, Memphis, Tennessee, dated May 14th. This letter from Danley indicates that he is in a position to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Galatas and that this information is coming through another source, and that his informant is willing to "put Galatas on the spot but wants \$1000.00 for doing so." The letter further suggests that I proceed to Memphis and take the matter up in person.

Pursuant to Division authority I wired Danley that I would meet him in Memphis Sunday morning, May 20, 1934, and he wired me to the effect that the date for the meeting would be satisfactory.

Danley was formerly an Agent in this Service. He has a rather wide acquaintance with underworld characters in Memphis and throughout Tennessee. In January, 1934 Agent H. E. Andersen and I interviewed Danley relative to Galatas. Danley at that time put us in contact with an informant, [redacted] an underworld character. [redacted] made efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of Galatas, but was unsuccessful.

I met Danley at his office in Memphis, Tennessee Sunday morning, May 20, 1934. He stated the informant to whom he referred in his letter to me is known as [redacted] but whose real name is [redacted]. She has married in recent years but it is not generally known. She will be referred to in this communication as [redacted]. Danley said that this woman knows Galatas and believes she can assist in locating him but wants \$1000.00 for her services.

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I contacted [redacted] in Memphis on May 20th. Agent Andersen and I interviewed her in January, 1934, at which time she indicated she would like to see Galatas apprehended. At the time of the interview by Agent Andersen and me she intimated she had a score to settle with Galatas.

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For the record some background is here given relative to [redacted] which was furnished in the main by her. She is [redacted]
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[redacted] She is a woman approximately [redacted] years of age. Her health is not good as she suffers with [redacted]. She has known Lou Connors for several years. Eddie Connors, the deceased husband of Lou Connors, and the latter several years ago [redacted]
[redacted] Liquor was sold at the place and Eddie assisted in obtaining the supply of whiskey and generally assisted in the operation of the establishment, where extensive gambling was carried on. For years [redacted] has lived in [redacted]. At the time of the [redacted] enterprise she still maintained her [redacted] establishment, where she also sold liquor and carried on gambling operations. She leased her place in [redacted] to [redacted] last summer. She states she has throughout the Prohibition era sold liquor and operated a place where the best people of [redacted] could get good liquor to drink. In addition thereto, she said her places have been frequented by the "big shot" gamblers such as Galatas and others. She said, however, she has never operated bawdy houses and that careful investigation will bear this fact out. She said she has a close tie-in with the [redacted] Police and she would not want them under any circumstances to know she is negotiating with the Division for the location of Galatas, for if they knew it, they would be offended because she did not deal with them. She further said that if the [redacted] Police should learn of it, they would probably give her trouble. I promised her the [redacted] Police would not learn of it through any representative of the Division. [redacted] stated it is no secret that the [redacted] Police have permitted her to operate throughout the years without molestation. She said that she has given the [redacted] Police assistance on many occasions.

As stated, many of the "big shot" gamblers, con men and others frequented her places. She said she has known Galatas for years. She also has known Tom Kearney, big gambler of St. Louis, Missouri, for several years. When Lou Connors was arrested in Memphis, Lou requested

[redacted] which she did. She got in touch with him by telephone and gave him the message [redacted] She said [redacted] remarked when she talked to him, "I'll get in touch with some of the 'boys' and see what can be done." It is now known that Lou Connors' bond was arranged by Kearney, very probably at the request of Galatas. [redacted] also related that while Lou was in jail at Memphis [redacted] whose name she is unable to recall, [redacted] but that she did not do so. However, Lou sent her word that the Government Agents had a copy of the wire sent by her, [redacted] to the party in Indianapolis and they would give her trouble and she therefore had better come down and [redacted] She said since that time she has had no confidence in Lou and has had nothing further to do with her.

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[redacted] stated that many years ago Galatas ran away with [redacted] a girl then about eighteen years of age, and traveled with her for a long time throughout the United States and left her stranded in Chicago, Illinois. She said that [redacted] and Galatas both stated they were married, but that she does not believe this to be true. She stated that when Galatas left [redacted] stranded in Chicago, she sent her money with which to come home and has taken care of her practically since that time. She stated that on one occasion she [redacted] which was worthless and which she had to make good. The incident relative to [redacted] is the score she wishes to settle with Galatas. She stated that Galatas has seen her many times since the above related occurrence and does not for a moment believe she would squeal on him and that she does not have the reputation of being a squealer or a stool. She told me that none of her people knows she is negotiating with the Division, not even her husband, and that she would not have them know it for anything.

She stated that she will do all within her power to locate Galatas and would like to see him killed when arrested. She stated that she wanted \$1000.00 to be paid her upon the apprehension of Galatas, should she be instrumental therein. She wanted a written contract, the provisions of which would guarantee her this sum, if the information furnished by her resulted in his apprehension. I, of course, informed her I was not clothed with authority to enter into any such agreement with her or any other person and that it is not, and never has been, the policy of the Division to enter into such written contracts. I also told her I would have to make further inquiries relative to the amount involved.

She stated that she had received information that recently Galatas was in St. Louis, and has been in and out of there and probably spends a great deal of his time there or nearby. She stated she could not divulge the source of this information, but that it is, she is confident, authentic. She said it would be necessary for her to make a trip to St. Louis in order to contact Kearney, with whom she is on good terms, and that she would want the Division to pay her expenses there. She said on Sunday, May 20th, when I interviewed her, she would not endeavor to locate Galatas unless the Division entered into a written contract with her.

By long distance telephone I took this matter up with Mr. Cowley of the Division. He informed me the Division would not authorize any written agreement with this woman, that the sum of \$1000.00 would be paid her if she furnished information which resulted in the location and apprehension of Galatas by Division Agents and would be paid only after he was in custody. Mr. Cowley also stated that the Division would authorize the payment of the expenses of [redacted] to St. Louis.

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On May 21st I again contacted [redacted] and informed her just what the Division would do and that she could take it or leave it. She decided she would accept the Division's terms.

On May 22, 1934 [redacted] left Memphis for St. Louis. I met her there on the morning of May 23d. Arrangements were made by me for contacting her there.

I got in touch with the St. Louis office and in the absence of Special Agent in Charge Ladd informed Mr. Yearsley, the Acting Agent in Charge, of the negotiations with [redacted]

In my presence [redacted] called the cigar store of Tom Kearney in St. Louis. She was informed by someone there Kearney was not in, but she was given a telephone number, Garfield 9504, said to be one of Kearney's unlisted telephone numbers, at which she could reach him. She called this number for Kearney and arranged a meeting with him during the forenoon of [redacted] I, of course, did not attempt to accompany her to meet Kearney, neither did I shadow her. I did not believe it advisable.

During the afternoon of the same day she contacted me and said she met Kearney in his cigar store. She told him she was passing through St. Louis and would be there only a day or two and decided to see him for

a few moments, a thing she has done on previous occasions. She said she discussed things in general with Kearney and during the conversation brought up the name of Galatas, making the observation of, "I wonder how Galatas is getting along, where he is, etc." Kearney said he also wondered and he supposed "being on the lam" was going hard with "Dick" and he imagined "Dick is getting tired of it."

[redacted] stated that she knows the mother of Galatas, who now resides in California and that Kearney knows she is acquainted with the elder Mrs. Galatas. She also said that for a long time it has been her custom to [redacted] and she informed Kearney during her conversation [redacted]

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The following day, [redacted] she called Kearney at his cigar store [redacted]

[redacted] a man whose name she does not know, but whom she saw at the establishment when she was there on [redacted] and that this man saw her at the same time. He informed her [redacted]

[redacted] and that by all means for her to come by St. Louis and get in touch with him. She also stated that this man said to her, [redacted]

[redacted] stated this remark almost swept her off her feet, but to [redacted] she evinced no surprise, and told him [redacted] not seen Graham for two or three years. After a few generalities were passed between her and this man, she left him.

[redacted] then got in touch with me and recited the foregoing.

She told me that Bob Graham resides in Natchez, Mississippi and that she has known him for many years, but that she did not know that Kearney knew she was acquainted with him. She stated that Graham owns a home in Natchez and owns a large farm several miles in the country from there; that he is between fifty-five and sixty years of age, is well connected with law enforcement agencies there and others and probably has some political power; that while she does not know of any criminal jobs done by him, that he is the type of man who would protect criminals and engage in almost any kind of a deal, such as disposing of stolen property, for money. She stated that [redacted]

[redacted] Graham was arrested there in possession of a diamond which had been stolen and upon which Graham had loaned some money; [redacted] as much as she could. She stated that it is generally known that the farm of Graham has in the past been used as a hideout for "lamsters". She said that Eddie Connors hid out there once for several months; that Hart Austin, alias Louis Austin, a notorious Arkansas and Oklahoma criminal, once was hidden there for months. [redacted]

[redacted] She said she had not seen Austin for a long time and does not know his whereabouts. She stated that he has a long criminal record. [redacted] advised there was another man wanted for murder in the state of Tennessee who hid out for two or three years at Graham's place. She told me that she knew George "Machine Gun" Kelly when he was peddling liquor in Memphis several years ago. She told me that she has never been to Graham's place but has heard a great deal of it. She stated that in view of Graham's tie-in with practically everyone in Natchez, that any inquiries regarding him should be most discreet and circumspect. She stated that once she drove through Natchez en route to New Orleans and called him and learned that he was out at his farm, where she 'phoned him and he invited her to come out, but she was unable to do so at the time. She stated that she is certain if she were in that vicinity, she could casually contact Graham without arousing his suspicion.

[redacted] informed me that the remark [redacted] made to her concerning Bob Graham has puzzled her considerably. She stated that it may be a crafty and indirect way of Kearney's informing her where she can get in touch with Galatas. On the other hand, she stated that it may be his way of testing whether she is seeking information relative to Galatas for law enforcement agencies, for if Graham's place were raided or open inquiries made at Natchez and vicinity concerning him, it would get

back to Kearney and he would know it got out through her. She stated that no one suspects her of giving any information concerning the whereabouts of Lou Connors, who was arrested at Lonely Acres last fall.

She stated that she thinks Galatas knows Graham, but that if he does not he certainly knows a number of men who would arrange a hideout for him there, if he desired it.

The St. Louis office's investigation of Kearney bears out that his method of dealing with [] in this instance is typical of him for he will, if possible, avoid a second contact in succession with some people. He has so many contacts in St. Louis, is powerful politically and some of his dealings are so indirect, that it would be most difficult to shadow him. His operations are so extensive in race horse and gambling undertakings that to tap his telephones would be almost hopeless.

[] has had a great deal of experience, is well acquainted with "big shots" and the underworld and she is clever and crafty. She obviously was nuzzled by the word sent to her by Kearney relative to Graham. [] is not broke. She owns her home, a new Nash automobile and from all appearances is not hard pressed financially. I do not believe that she tried to "chisel" a trip from Memphis to St. Louis out of the Division. I believe that she is sincere in wanting to see Galatas caught. She, of course, wants to make the \$1000.00.

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I introduced Mr. Yearsley to [] and he heard her relate the foregoing. He shares the opinion I have expressed concerning her.

She did not ask for any funds for a trip to Natchez, Mississippi nor to California. She stated that she has no intention whatever of going to California this summer. She informed that it is probable that she will be able to figure out a trip down south and if so she will go to Natchez and drop in on Graham. She stated that she would keep in touch with me concerning this.

She expressed a desire to deal with only one representative of the Division. This was voluntary on her part and not suggested to her by me. She wanted my telephone numbers and how she could get in touch with me at all times, which I furnished her. She said that she wanted to

continue her efforts in negotiations to locate Galatas and that she would like to continue negotiations with me. I told her this would be satisfactory. She stated that she believes she can locate Galatas and that she will do all within her power to do so. Her telephone number at [redacted] Her mailing and telegraphic address will be -

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She stated that when anyone calls her by phone at [redacted] in connection with this matter, he should state that it is Mr. Peterson calling.

I do not believe that investigation should be conducted at this time at Natchez, Mississippi. I think that we should await some further word from [redacted] as she stated that she will let me hear from her within a reasonable time.

It is earnestly requested that each office treat the matter of these negotiations with this woman in the utmost confidence, for it is my belief that she can and will be of assistance in locating Galatas and, if she is, I am sure she can be developed into a most useful informant.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- Kansas City
New Orleans
Nashville
St. Louis
Chicago

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box #987
Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 2, 1934

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I believe you will be interested in knowing some of the sidelights and circumstances occurring in connection with our investigation at New Castle, Pa. into the information supplied by [redacted] negro, that DILLINGER and his associates were in that vicinity.

The obvious falsity of [redacted] information will be apparent from the investigative report which is submitted upon this matter and I will not comment upon it here. I am unable to understand [redacted] motive in this matter and endeavored by both kindness and cruelty to extract from [redacted] some admission as to the falsity of his story, which, however, he failed to admit.

I believe that the "fire drill" afforded the office and the Agents in this matter will prove of great value in the handling of future matters of this kind. Every precaution possible was taken and an allowance was made for every contingency that could arise. Upon interviewing the Agents from Chicago and [redacted] it was deemed advisable to purchase additional gas grenades and gas cartridges because in his description of the house it was obvious that a considerable amount of gas would be needed to force anyone therein to vacate because of the apparent free circulation of air currents through the house.

In laying plans for the surrounding and taking of our objective the utmost care was exercised to assure ourselves that no one could escape from the building while at the same time eliminating any possibility of the Agents' shooting each other or exposing themselves to their own cross fire.

Agent McLaughlin advised me that the preparations, [redacted], OF INVESTIGATION equipment, and handling of this matter were the best he had seen since

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since being in the Division service. I believe that the major portion of any credit for the successful undertaking of this project is due to George F. Ruch, who had completed the majority of the necessary arrangements prior to my arrival in Pittsburgh. It is indeed regrettable from our own viewpoint that Mr. Ruch is no longer in the Division service.

The cooperation of the Pennsylvania State Police was superb. Twenty-five uniformed officers, specially chosen from throughout the troop area were awaiting our arrival at the barracks in Butler, Pa. The troopers were completely equipped under full arms carrying both rifles and fire arms, gas equipment, and all other necessary items. In passing, I may state that our equipment is superior in quality to the equipment issued to the State Troopers and believe that in anticipation of cases similar to the DILLINGER matter, we should augment the amount and types of equipment maintained in all Division Offices.

Returning to the State Troopers' cooperation, I believe that it would be a diplomatic move if you addressed a communication to Major Lynn Adams, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Police at Harrisburg, Pa., commending and expressing gratification for the services volunteered and performed by Captain Jasper Oftedal and his organization. I believe that a letter of this type would cement the bonds of friendship and would greatly facilitate the handling of matters of this kind in the future.

While awaiting the ultimate outcome of efforts to locate the house described by informant [redacted] a number of the Division Agents took advantage of the pistol range at the State Troopers Barracks and not only amazed the on-looking troopers by their marksmanship but likewise amazed themselves, I believe. The results obtained from their revolver practice were little short of miraculous and if I had not personally witnessed the actual shooting I would be inclined to be very skeptical of the authenticity of the targets submitted. In the words of one of the State Troopers, it is "impossible to shoot that way at that distance".

The Agents of this office who were assigned to this matter functioned exceedingly well and showed absolutely no hesitancy in proceeding under full arms and with full knowledge that a great personal risk and hazard was involved in the movement of each individual. The concern of the Agents appeared to be primarily to avoid the injuring of any innocent persons. On the whole, while, of course, disappointed with our necessary return to headquarters with an empty game bag, I was very pleased with the manner in which our entire advance was made.

While engaged in various conversations with Agent McLaughlin, he stated his personal opinion that while he admires and respects both Mr. Clegg and Mr. Rorer, he does not believe from his observations of their activities in the Chicago district that they have had a sufficient amount of experience in the conducting of raids, and commented upon their failure to even give consideration from time to time to the suggestions or probabilities that are offered by Agents working under them. Mr. McLaughlin commented upon the attitude of Mr. Purvis and Mr. Manni in fully hearing and giving consideration to any suggestions, possibilities, or probabilities that are ventured by Special Agents. I offer Mr. McLaughlin's comments not in any spirit of reflection upon any Division personnel but solely for your consideration in estimating the character of work for which the various men are best suited.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD A. TAMM
Special Agent in Charge

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June 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During telephonic conversation this afternoon, Mr. Purvis advised that Mr. Mayr, Secretary of State for the State of Indiana, was expected to call him at 2:30 or 3:30 p.m., bringing with him the woman who desires to be employed by this Division to obtain information in connection with the Wolverton kidnaping case. I told Mr. Purvis I was somewhat dubious about this matter, but that if she has any information I am willing to employ her. Mr. Purvis said he understands that she will be able to furnish "worlds of information" and he felt it would be all right if she wants to work with us. I told him to try her for several weeks and if we don't obtain anything worth while, to drop her. He stated that if she is employed he will have a definite understanding that she is a confidential informant, that the information is exclusively for this Division and that no one else shall know her identity. Mr. Purvis stated Mr. Mayr had indicated that she would expect about \$7.00 a day, and I told him not to pay her any more than that.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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INFORMANT [] AS SET FORTH PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL LETTER TO DIRECTOR
ELEVENTH INSTANT STOP ONLY FEW FIELD OFFICES HAVE COMPLIED WITH
DIVISION CIRCULAR LETTER EIGHTH INSTANT WHICH DOES NOT ALLOW FOR
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CONFERENCE CALL

DIV INVEST CHICAGO MAY 25, 1934 10-48 AM EPH

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BREKID REFERENCE

AS POSSIBLE INFORMANT LOCATION OF HIDEOUT AND SUSPECTS

[REDACTED] AS
INFORMANT IN HAMM CASE , INDICATES [REDACTED] IS A CHISELER AND UNABLE
TO FURNISH INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS WITH [REDACTED] TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS.
HE STATES HAMM HIDEOUT LOCATED EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN BUT UNABLE
TO FURNISH THE EXACT LOCATION EXCEPT BY DIAGRAM? THE SAME BEING
TRANSMITTED TO THE ST PAUL OFFICE FOR ATTENTION. NO MONEY PAID
[REDACTED] AND WILL NOT BE PAID UNTIL HE PRODUCES.

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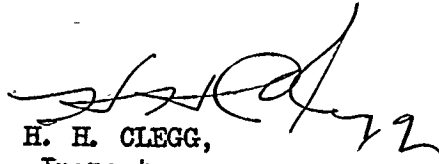
A copy of Special Agent Hall's statement, as dictated by him prior to his departure from this office and as yet unsigned, is attached hereto relative to this matter.

I talked with Special Agent G. J. Gross, who stated that he and Agent Hall and Agent T. J. Dodd were in the [] dining room; and Agent Gross stated that he observed the woman entering with [] speak to Agent Hall and that [] came over and talked to Agent Hall; and later, when he (Gross) went to the men's room, the man who came in with [] came in shortly afterwards and questioned Gross as to whether or not he and Hall were Federal agents, and Gross parried the question and tried to avoid it, until the man, who identified himself as [] stated that he knew Agent Hall was a Federal officer and wondered about the others. Mr. Gross stated this was the extent of their conversation and that [] had questioned him rather than he questioned [] as he did not know [] and had no idea as to his identity.

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Both Agent Hall and Agent Gross stated that they had been sitting in [] that evening, after having left the office rather late, and that Edward G. Bremer, the victim of a recent kidnaping case, entered the hotel with Mrs. Bremer and saw Agents Hall, Dodd, and Gross in the lobby and invited them down to the basement where they sat at Mr. Bremer's table for a while and they drank a glass of beer. They stated that none of them were intoxicated and that in fact, [] had been indiscreet and [] had questioned Agent Gross, rather than Gross questioned []

Very truly yours,


H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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May 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR H. H. CLEGG:

As you requested I am submitting, herewith, a memorandum regarding the incident of my meeting [] the informant of this office. b7D

I met him last Saturday night at the [] I first saw his girl, whose name I do not know. She recognized me, nodded and smiled, and I nodded in return. [] then saw me and said "Hello" and I said "Hello" to him. Later I had a conversation with him out of view of everyone, and during this conversation the name of TOMMY CARROLL was mentioned, and I mentioned that TOMMY CARROLL'S wife's name was VIOLA. Either I volunteered or [] asked me, and I said that VIOLA was working at the Congress Hotel on St. Peter Street and was a prostitute.

In that connection I wish to state that I never heard of VIOLA McMANUS and I don't know her. If [] misunderstood me to say VIOLA McMANUS I am unable to explain that. As I understand it from talking to you, [] at one time [] and seemed put out at the idea that I would suggest that she was a prostitute. Of course, this is wrong, as I never heard of VIOLA McMANUS until you mentioned her to me.

Concerning recognizing [] as you know, I know [] The first time I saw him was when he was sent to this office by Charles Tierney, the Inspector of Detectives, St. Paul Police Department. The next time I saw him I drove to St. Clair and Snelling Streets in my car and took him to the office. After he had interviewed you on that occasion, instead of returning him to his home as I understood I was to do, he asked me to drive him to his girl's house. As Agent Klees and myself were going to Minneapolis later that evening, Klees went with me and Klees and I both met [] girl. That explains why she recognized me at the St. Paul Hotel and nodded in recognition. I have met [] outside the building and inside on several occasions, and each time I have spoken to him and he has spoken to me. Consequently there is nothing strange, in my opinion, about he and I speaking to each other last Saturday night.

Concerning [] and the questioning of him, I know nothing about it. In fact, I did not know it had happened until you told me.

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In my conversation with [] which in my opinion was discreet, as we were standing in back of a screen and no one I am sure saw us, we discussed the possibility of securing information regarding the whereabouts of PAT REILLY, and in that connection I asked him if he knew GEORGE HEIDER, a local gambler, and he stated he did and that he had known GEORGE HEIDER'S girl or wife before she commenced to live with GEORGE HEIDER, and [] stated that this girl might be a source of information as to the whereabouts of PAT REILLY.

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If you will permit me, I believe that you should be informed as to what actually happened Saturday night. I want to state that the story of [] as you related it to me was very far-fetched, and the majority of it was untrue. I realize the story as related to you by [] certainly presented a picture of a very undesirable situation, and I want you to know that either [] is very much afraid or else he has some motive for presenting such a version of what happened.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,

Special Agent.

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P.O.Box 525, St.Paul, Minn.

June 9, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1217; JOHN HAMILTON,
with alias, I.O.#1220; NORMAN VAN MEETER,
with aliases, I.O.#1222; ALBERT W. REILLY,
with aliases, I.O.#1225; LESTER E. GILLIS,
with aliases, I.O.#1223; THOMAS LEONARD
CARROLL, with aliases (deceased), I.O.#1224,
et al. N.M.V.T.A. - CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR
FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE.
St. Paul File No. 28-2434.

Reference is made to the letter dated June 6, 1934, addressed to me by Mr. Hanni of the Omaha Office concerning information furnished by [] to Special Agent Dewey. In this connection, this is to confirm the fact that, upon receipt of the above mentioned letter, I telephoned Mr. Hanni recommending and authorizing that in the event no facts warranting a contrary conclusion were known it is believed advisable that actual transportation of [] to various points, where he could profitably make investigation, be furnished as well as a modest expense allowance, not to exceed \$10.00 or \$15.00 per week; that a definite sum be offered to him, not to exceed \$5,000.00, and less, if possible, for the furnishing by him of information which would lead directly to the apprehension of JOHN DILLINGER.

Mr. Hanni advised that he knew of no circumstances warranting a contrary action and stated that Special Agent Dewey would, at an early date, handle this matter.

Very truly yours,

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H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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311 Hurley Wright Building.

June 1, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 19, 1934 concerning an immediate, intensive investigation to be made concerning the activities of the Nazi movement in this country.

You are advised that [redacted] who is an applicant for the position of Special Agent (A) reported to this office for duty in connection with the desired investigation.

Mr Keith previously phoned the Division relative to obtaining the services of this man for a period of thirty days as a special employee and he will be paid at the rate of \$8 per day.

Very truly yours,
Signed. L.R. Pennington

L.R. PENNINGTON, ASSISTANT
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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May 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black telephoned from Tulsa at 5:05 P.M. and wanted to know if any reward was being offered for any of the individuals wanted in connection with the Bremer case. I advised him that we would pay \$250.00 each as reward for Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Black advised that a sister of Volney Davis is negotiating at McAlester for his parole and he believes it would be a good idea to get a transcript of all of her telephone calls, in and out. He was advised to proceed with this plan if he thought it would be productive and he was authorized to spend a reasonable amount of money for a reasonable length of time, if necessary.

He further advised that the [redacted] claims she has some friends in McAlester, who handle hot bonds, from whom she may be able to get some information as to the whereabouts of Barker and Karpis; also she knows Barker's father, who lives at Dooche, Missouri, from whom she may be able to get some information as to the whereabouts of Barker's mother. It is very possible that Barker and Karpis will be apprehended, if the whereabouts of Barker's mother can be ascertained. All this woman wants is her expenses and a share of the reward if anything develops.

This trip is about 700 miles and will take from 12 to 15 hours. Mr. Black was advised to follow this plan and to use his judgment as to whether to hire a car for this purpose or use a Division car. Mr. Black suggested that it might be a good idea to hire some boy to drive this woman, preferably a boy that knew nothing about this case. The Division will be advised as to developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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June 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Purvis advised in telephone conversation this morning from Chicago that he is leaving for Muncie, Indiana as soon as he can get the car fixed, and is returning via Ft. Wayne, where he hopes to find something worthwhile.

Mr. Purvis advised that Mr. Larson is there today and is dealing with his informant, who is [redacted]

Mr. Purvis further stated that he is hoping the woman he is going to contact at Muncie can furnish him some information about the outfit over there. He stated he will have to pay this woman a little more if it looks good, and I stated we were willing to pay anything. He said he did not have a chance to go into the matter very thoroughly with her the other day.

Handwritten:
L. J. Purvis
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June 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the letter signed by Acting Special Agent in Charge Sackett under date of June 2, 1934, containing information concerning contacts with [redacted]. I do not desire that this woman be employed as an informant or in any other capacity by the Division, and further instruct you that no further contacts relative to the investigation of the Nazi movement are to be made with this woman.

[redacted] has written a lengthy communication to the Department quoting at considerable length interviews had with Mr. Sackett at the Los Angeles Division office and advising that Mr. Sackett has discussed this investigation very freely with her. [redacted] quotes in considerable detail facts concerning the Division's investigation of the Nazi movement and otherwise indicates that she has been informed without reservation of the Division's activities in this matter. [redacted] states that Mr. Sackett has recommended her employment by the Division and states almost verbatim the contents of Mr. Sackett's letter to the Division under date of June 2, 1934. Obviously the imparting of information concerning the Division's activities in a matter of this kind is a display of very bad judgment.

I desire that Mr. Sackett submit immediately a complete statement of his interviews with [redacted] together with a detailed outline of the information which he conveyed to her. I desire further that Mr. Sackett submit any justification for his actions in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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BREKID [REDACTED] A VOLUNTARY INFORMANT ADVISES THAT ON DATE OF DISAPPEARANCE OF DOC MORAN AND SLIM GRAY HE SAW ONE JACK HERMANSON FORMER ILLINOIS STATE TROOPER AND FORMER CHIEF OFFPOLICE AT FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS, WHO WAS FIRED BECAUSE OF CROOKEDNESS, IN COMPANY WITH GRAY AND MORAN ON STREET CAR IN CHICAGO. [REDACTED] OVERHEARD THEM SAY THEY WERE GOING TO HERMANSONS FOTTAGE WHICH IS IN VICINITY OE ARBOR VITAE, WISCONSIN, THAT WHEN THEY RETURNED THEY WOULD BE SITTING PRETTY. CONVERSATION INDICATED DOC MORAN WAS TO TREAT SOMEONE FOR BAD CASE OF GANGERENE OF THE LEG. [REDACTED] INDICATES MORAN FRIENDLY WITH DILLINGER. THIS NOT VERIFIED. [REDACTED] INFORMS THAT ON NIGHT OF MORANS DISAPPEARANCE HERMANSON [REDACTED] WAS GOING TO HIS COTTAGE WITH DOC MORAN AND [REDACTED] HERMANSON SHOWED [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] SHE STATES JAMES WILSON, ASSOCIATE OF MORAN WAS ALSO TO GO TO SAID COTTAGE. IT IS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WERE TO MEET OTHER PERSONS AT COTTAGE, HERMANSON DRIVING AN OLD BLUE LINCOLN SEDAN. [REDACTED] BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN FRED BARKER AND HARRY CAMPBELL IN MORANS OFFICE. SHE REPORTS SLIM GRAY TO HAVE TUBERCULOSIS AND NOT TO LIVE LONG AND TO BE DANGEROUS. THIS FACT IS ESTABLISHED BY AGENTS. AGENTS RICHMOND AND WELLES NOW IN VICINITY OF ARBOR VITAE, WISC. MAKING UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION. THEY REPORTED TODAY THEY HAD FOUND THE RESORT WHERE HERMANSONS COTTAGE IS BELIEVED LOCATED.

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

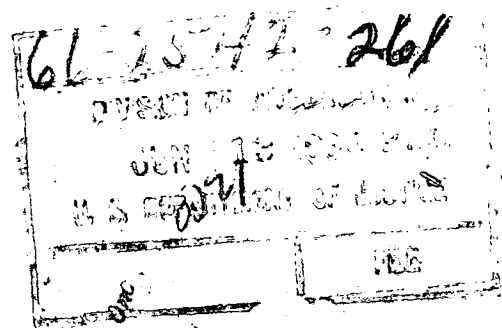
Reference is made to memorandum dated June 8, 1934, by
Special Agent W. E. Miller, three copies of which are transmitted
herewith, relative to a confidential informant who furnished in-
formation to Agent Miller regarding the probable whereabouts of
Charles Arthur Floyd. The confidential informant mentioned is

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

June 9, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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Since my arrival here, I have made several efforts to develop some confidential informants, particularly for use in the BREMER and DILLINGER cases and in view of the absence of any valuable confidential informants on my arrival here, as well as my personal unfamiliarity with the territory and underworld characters, I found this to be a very difficult task. I have sought to solicit the aid of Special Agents on special assignment here to help develop such contacts and, in most instances, the contacts have been either very temporary or of a comparatively unserviceable type. As a matter of record, however, and for the information of both the Division and the St. Paul Office, I desire to list the following:

[Redacted]

This woman is a contact that has been developed by Special Agent T.J. Dodd. She is a known shoplifter and "fence" for shoplifters. She is a friend of Myrtle Eaton and Ida Gold, who, likewise, are shoplifters and associates of underworld characters affiliated with the HARRY JAWYER group. Agent Dodd's contact with this informant has been on a personal basis. He considers it unwise to make offers of money to her for her information and all the information which she has furnished to him concerning underworld characters, upon being checked, has been found to be accurate.

[Redacted]

This colored woman, together with [Redacted] operates the [Redacted]. She is, originally, from [Redacted]. She was arrested on the occasion of the shooting of [Redacted]. [Redacted] was shot with weapons which were, at the time, in the house

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[redacted] She is a close friend of MYRTLE EATON and the latter calls on her from time to time to [redacted]

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[redacted] has, recently, moved to the address above given from an address formerly identified as [redacted]

[redacted] She has been offered \$500.00 if she furnished exclusive information to this Division which will lead to the location and apprehension of DILLINGER, HAMILTON, CARROLL, VAN METER, REILLY, and the BARKER-KARPIS GANG. She states that she will cooperate and, in the event MYRTLE EATON returns to the city, and communicates with her, she will promptly advise MR. LADD, whose telephone number has been furnished to [redacted]



This colored woman is [redacted] above mentioned. She has, in times past according to her own statements, performed services for individuals identified by photographs and descriptions as being FRANK NASH; VERNIE MILLER; MYRTLE EATON; certain members of the DILLINGER GANG; and practically all the BARKER-KARPIS GANG. She has, in her possession, at the present time, [redacted]

[redacted] She has been furnished with identification orders that have been issued on both the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS mobs and has been told that if she furnished information leading to the location and apprehension of these individuals, she would be furnished \$500.00 for each one so apprehended.



[redacted] is a [redacted] and her [redacted] MYRTLE EATON has an apartment, #104. [redacted] reside in [redacted]

They are both personally acquainted with MYRTLE EATON and have seen BILL WEAVER and ANDY ROTHMEYER, who have been friendly from time to time with MYRTLE EATON. [redacted] states that about a year ago the

police examined MYRTLE EATON'S apartment and MYRTLE authorized them to permit the police to examine her place at any time. Although [redacted] seemed to have less interest than [redacted] the latter has been furnished with identification orders which have been issued on the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS and has been informed that he, or either of them, would be paid \$500.00 for the receipt of information leading to the location and apprehension of each of the members of these mobs.

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[redacted]

This woman is the [redacted] subject of an identification order. She is acquainted with all the members of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS. Her [redacted]

She is, likewise, a [redacted] who is the youngest [redacted] of this group and [redacted].

[redacted] adopts a jovial, joking attitude. She was held in jail for about a week to see if she would talk. She "kicks" a great deal, is probably a woman of loose moral character; she is the mother of the [redacted] year old [redacted]. She is not in love with [redacted] and, on one occasion, [redacted] but changed her mind. She sees [redacted] on occasions but is not especially interested in him but states frankly that she would do nothing to turn him in. She stated that she would not be a stool pigeon, or reveal the whereabouts of any of her friends or enemies, for \$10,000.00 reward each. She is quite a bluffer and it is believed that, since [redacted] is now likely to be sentenced to a term in the penitentiary, that she may adopt a more serious attitude and be willing to cooperate. Her income is of a decidedly limited character. She lives, at times, with [redacted] and at times, with [redacted].

[redacted] If word is left with her to call the office, she will do so although but limited information has been furnished by her to date.

[redacted]

This woman is the [redacted]

[redacted] She seems to have some vestige of principle left in her makeup and will cry profusely if she is talked to about the status of [redacted]

She insists that they were not brought up to form associations with the type which they have developed. She utterly hates PAT REILLY. On one occasion, she attempted to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] She stated PAT REILLY has been responsible for a great deal of her unhappiness and she will have no objection to turning him in. She has been offered \$500.00 for information leading to the location and apprehension of each of the members of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS. It is possible that, through [REDACTED] she might be able to obtain such information. She has been furnished the telephone number of the office and has agreed to call the office if she receives such information. This woman appears to be living, at the present time, with some other man but states she has agreed, if [REDACTED] will all return to a proper type of living, to herself return to [REDACTED] and to make a home for them. She, obviously, worries considerably about the difficulties into which [REDACTED] find themselves from time to time.



This colored man is [REDACTED] He knows less about the underworld mobs than do [REDACTED] but the same offer has been made to him as to [REDACTED] for the location and apprehension of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS mobs.

[REDACTED] in both [REDACTED] have been contacted and furnished identification orders on both the DILLINGER mob members and the BARKER-KARPIS mobs. These [REDACTED] have been informed that a considerable portion of the man's clothing found to have been abandoned by members of these groups have been purchased from [REDACTED] They have agreed to telephone the St. Paul Office, the telephone number of which has been furnished them, for the purpose of giving information leading to the location and apprehension of any of these individuals whom they see.

[redacted] has been contacted by Special Agent S.W. Hardy. She has cooperated previously in furnishing information about HOLDEN and KEATING and she has been made acquainted with the Division's desire to locate members of this mob. Agent Hardy has been authorized to offer to her the same amount of money as indicated and similar offers for the location of those whose apprehensions are desired by the Division.

[redacted]

Special Agent Hardy has made a similar offer to the above informant who has previously cooperated and this informant is located advantageously in view of the fact that the [redacted]

[redacted]

MYRTLE EATON resides in apartment 104, at 565 Portland Avenue. There is another apartment, the rear of which is adjacent to the apartment building in which MYRTLE EATON'S apartment is located.

[redacted] and her friends, from time to time, [redacted] and he states that MYRTLE EATON [redacted]

[redacted] since they left their apartment several months ago. He has been furnished with the telephone number of the St. Paul Office and will advise in the event he receives [redacted] this apartment.

[redacted] in the building in which MYRTLE EATON'S apartment is located and have agreed to advise immediately upon MYRTLE EATON'S return.

At the present time, Special Agent [redacted] is pursuing an undercover assignment at Reno, Nevada, where it is known that the BARKER-KARPIS group have maintained temporary residences, from time to time and where their girl friends, whose descriptions Special Agent [redacted] has, are known to visit gambling places and night clubs in Reno. Agent [redacted] is now making his reports to Special Agent in Charge D.M. Ladd and daily reports are being received from him.

Special Agent [redacted] using the name of [redacted] is working daily at a Standard Oil Company Filling Station, which is adjacent to the garage operated by "EDDIE", and known as EDDIE'S GARAGE, which is, in fact, owned by FRED BARKER. Agent [redacted] has been instructed to continue on this assignment and to telephone the St. Paul Office in the event any of those fugitives, whose apprehension is desired by the Division, should be observed.

Special Agent [redacted] has, on June 8, 1934, rented an apartment upon authorization of the Division from which [redacted] who is using the name of [redacted] can be observed and Agent [redacted] in this apartment in the guise of [redacted] has been instructed to continue [redacted]

[redacted] until he is instructed to the contrary. He is having a telephone installed and will advise in the event PAT HEILLY, or any of his associates of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS are seen.

Informant [redacted] has made his departure from St. Paul and is now operating a [redacted] The Cincinnati Office is being advised of his availability.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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MAY 31, 1934.

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1194;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Kindly refer to Division letters of May 17 and 18, 1934,
with regard to the possible use of the services of [redacted]
as a confidential informant.

With particular reference to inquiry contained in the
third paragraph of reference letter of May 17, 1934, as to why
the services of [redacted] were not utilized subsequent to the rendition
of memorandum by Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey on July 7,
1934, it will be noted that I was not in charge of the Kansas City
Office at that time, and accordingly am not in a position to inform
the Division as to why immediate action was not taken. It will be
noted, however, that the contents of the memorandum were ascertained
during a review of the file which I had ordered. Action regarding
same was taken only a short time later.

Reference is made to Division letter of May 18, 1934,
which sets forth that it appears that I did not exercise extreme
caution in handling the removal of the detainer against [redacted] at
Leavenworth penitentiary through the Police Department at Joplin,
Missouri.

In connection therewith it may be noted that Special Agent
H. E. Anderson, while interviewing the Chief of Detectives at Joplin,
Missouri, personally specifically requested Chief Portley to not
mention the Division of Investigation or the Department of Justice
in his letter to the Leavenworth penitentiary. Later I personally
repeated this request to Chief Portley during my telephone con-
tact with him. Accordingly, I was surprised when I ascertained

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Chief Portley's letter had set forth that the detainer was requested "at the request of the Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation".

Very truly yours,

E. D. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

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June 6, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alleged contemplated kidnaping
of HOWARD A. WOLVERTON,
of South Bend, Indiana.

This afternoon Mr. Frank Mayr, Jr., Secretary of State of the State of Indiana, came to this office, and [redacted] Indiana arrived here later, having come from Muncie on the train. I had quite a long talk with both of them and the information secured so far is that there is one Joe Barrett, who previously ran a pawnshop in Chicago Heights, [redacted] to the effect that they planned three kidnapings.

The only kidnaping about which she has knowledge is the one in which they planned to kidnap Mr. Howard Wolverton, a wealthy manufacturer in South Bend, Indiana.

As you know, I have previously talked with Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton, and Mr. Wolverton has informed me that he has a guard at his home at all times, and he plans for his wife and child to go away on a summer trip for a short period in the near future. I have urged them to take all precautions in order to see that they are properly protected and they have stated that they believed they have competent guards.

The further information is that Joe Barrett and an individual who is called "The Turk", who has one-half of his left ear off and whose name might be Joe, and another person by the name of Tobey, all of whom reside in Chicago Heights, together with person by the name of Cunye or Konye (phonetic spelling), who is probably the boss of this outfit, are planning this kidnaping.

[redacted] is not positive and has heard very little information concerning the following but stated that she believes they mentioned something about four Sireine brothers (phonetic spelling), who might possibly be in on this contemplated kidnaping. One of the [redacted] boys, George, is said to run a cigar store in Chicago Heights.

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These persons have informed [] that they have rented premises near Milwaukee, Cleveland and Rochester, Minnesota, where they want to hold their victims during the summer months. The place near Milwaukee, according to [] must be near Burlington, Wisconsin, and also at or near a place which is owned by Donald McGinnis. McGinnis is now in Joliet prison serving a time for robbery but his uncle, by the same name, lives there. The place near Rochester is near the lakes and that is all the information she could furnish in this respect. She knows nothing concerning the contemplated hideout in Cleveland, except that it is in Cleveland.

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I advanced [] the sum of \$50.00 for her expenses in this connection and agreed to pay her \$7.00 per day, but she stated that if she has to go with this gang to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Cleveland that it will be necessary for her to have more expense money, and I therefore informed her that I would endeavor to determine what could be done in this respect and inform her later.

For your information, while talking to her I determined that she apparently has very good possibilities in connection with efforts being made to locate John Dillinger and his outfit. I did not stress this point with her today because I believed that it would be more desirable for me to contact her at a later date, at which time I could talk with her more freely and privately. However, I did learn enough from her to satisfy me that she has possibilities and it is my earnest opinion that it would be well to maintain a very close contact with her and to have her endeavor to obtain information concerning the Dillinger case. I am furnishing below additional information concerning [] possibilities in connection with the Dillinger case.

[] stated that some of the members of this gang who plan to kidnap Mr. Wolverton are going to meet her Saturday night or Sunday for the purpose of []

[] appears to be intelligent and willing to cooperate with the Division but states that she will not deal with anyone except me. She has previously worked with Indiana state officials and while she functioned in the capacity of a confidential informant, they forced her to go to [] which almost ruined her and certainly did not have the effect of increasing her value in such capacity.

She has informed me that she will remain at her home in [] on Sunday night and Monday night in order to receive word from me. She has been furnished with both of my tel-

phone numbers, office and home, and she will use the name of [] in contacting me. I gave her the name of [] to be used by me when I communicate with her in any manner.

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She further stated that this gang apparently knows that Mr. Solverson plans to go to Diamond Lake, where his brother has a home, this weekend, and that two of the gang plan to follow him up there in order to survey the situation. I asked her several times if they might possibly endeavor to kidnap him on this weekend and she stated that she is positive that they will not attempt such action because they plan to be well-prepared before doing so.

In this respect, I inquired of Mr. Mayr, the Secretary of State, as to whether Mr. Solverson planned to go to Diamond Lake, Indiana, and he stated that he did so plan, inasmuch as the employees of his company were to have some sort of a picnic there this weekend. I impressed upon Mr. Mayr the necessity for seeing that adequate protection is furnished Mr. Solverson and he stated that he would contact Mr. Solverson and handle this matter appropriately.

[] states that she is positive that she will know the time when any contemplated kidnaping is to take place, and I will keep in close contact with her and will take appropriate action at such time when further developments give any indication that they are going through with this plan.

For record purposes, []

[] and if absolutely necessary [] can be contacted through this point, if she is not at home. She prefers to be contacted at her own home, however, as there is sickness in [] family.

[] further stated that she had previously worked with [] who was formerly with the Indiana State Police and who, I have been informed, was released from such service for political reasons when the change in regime occurred. She stated that there were several occasions when she could have contacted Billinger and was working with [] on this matter, but due to the fact that [] had no funds and no backing whatever and no official connection, nothing was ever done and she did not have the money to meet these gangsters at any of the dates when she was supposed to do so.

When Mr. Mayr was leaving me, he inquired if there were any possibility of employing [] in the same capacity. I informed him that [] had been to see me and had indicated a desire to become connected

with the Division of Investigation and I, of course, informed him that it would be necessary for him to take this matter up with the Director in Washington.

I also informed Mr. Mayer that it was my impression that [] would prefer to work in Chicago and Indiana and that Special Agents of this Division were required at all times to be ready and willing to proceed to all points in the United States and to remain in any point as long as their services were required there as determined by the Director, and that I did not know what [] might desire in this connection. [] appears to have a great deal of confidence in [] and if such action were considered necessary it may be wise to employ [] as a confidential informant. The information is that he is now running a [] However, it is my belief that [] has complete confidence in me and would furnish me any information which she would furnish [], but in view of her statement that she would not work with anyone other than myself, this will, of course, necessitate many trips to Muncie, Indiana by me. It is my belief that I should go to Muncie Sunday night or Monday morning for the purpose of securing more detailed information concerning her Dillinger contact than I was able to this afternoon.

[] also stated that she knew a [] who uses the name of [] who is now in the Columbus Penitentiary. [] She believes that this [] Harry Pierpont and that she would do anything to have him freed. [] has stated to [] on occasions that if Pierpont dies she will turn John Dillinger in because it was on John Dillinger's account that Pierpont is now in the penitentiary awaiting electrocution.

She also stated that Dillinger has furnished []

[] This does not coincide with previous information, which is to the effect that the attorneys in Indianapolis have been holding off any action on the appeal of Harry Pierpont for their fees. However, I am inclined to believe a great deal of the information furnished me by [] and certainly I believe that it should be followed out completely with her. She was very reluctant to give me the name of [] at first. I rather suspected that the name which she used, which was [] was not the right name, and when I asked her for this name she gave it to me but

felt that any action taken in connection with [redacted] and her contacts with Dillinger would not do any good and that the matter could be handled in a better fashion. She states that she is positive that if anything could be done for Harry Pierpont that [redacted] would turn in the whole gang. [redacted] has always lived around the following places: [redacted]

[redacted] She goes to Lima, Ohio to see Pierpont on many occasions and when she does this she goes through [redacted] at which time she usually drops by to see [redacted] stated that on several occasions when [redacted] has called on her she paces the floor and appears to be very much upset and sometimes has torn her hair in her anxiety about Harry Pierpont.

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If I go to Muncie, Indiana on Sunday night or Monday, which I believe I should do, I will endeavor to make as thorough a check in this respect as is possible.

[redacted] also stated that John Dillinger and his outfit wrote some of the letters which the Governor of Ohio received, which threatened the Governor in the event he did not release Harry Pierpont and the other members of this gang. She stated that she believed herself that this was rather foolish on the part of this gang but they believed that by threatening him he might be inclined to be more lenient.

I will keep in close touch with this situation and keep you informed as to any developments.

Very truly yours,

KMP:EH

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:HAM.

June 12, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: J. RIVERO
INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND NEUTRALITY MATTER

Reference is made to your letter of June 5, 1934, referring to the report of Special Agent Roger L. Main, Jacksonville, Florida, dated May 30, 1934, relative to results reported covering his investigation at Key West and suggesting that an Agent of this office contact the Internal Revenue Agent at Key West, who first reported the case to the State Department and obtain all the information in his possession concerning this matter, since it is considered possible that he may have some information which would lead to the determination of Subject's true identity.

This is to advise that on June 10, 1934, Agent Main contacted J. J. Brown, Internal Revenue Agent at Miami, Florida, who stated that it was he who referred this matter to the State Department for attention; that he simply happened to be at Key West on other matters about the time the three cases and other equipment were discovered at the offices of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company and the Agent of the company casually mentioned the discovery to him and he informed the agent that he would call the matter to the attention of the proper government agency handling investigations of that nature.

Mr. Brown informed Agent Main that he has no information whatsoever as to this case or the identity of the persons involved; that he has made no inquiries and has no data whatsoever other than that furnished to him by the agent of the steamship company. Mr. Brown was of the opinion that Lieutenant Ford of Fort Taylor, Key West, was also advised by the agent of the steamship company in the same manner in which he received his information. Lieutenant Ford will be contacted when next an Agent is in Key West, Florida.

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[redacted] our confidential informant on Cuban matters in Miami, Florida, is planning to make a trip to Key West in the near future and Agent Main has agreed to arrange to go with him to make further inquiries in this case among Cubans who are well known to [redacted] at Key West. It may be possible that further information will be developed that will assist in determining the identity of J. Rivero, the consignee, and Manuel Ferrer, the consignor of the shipment of Springfield rifles, leggings and ammunition involved in the investigation of this matter.

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Very truly yours,

H. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

HM:CSH

June 13, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of the report of Special Agent George J. Starr of the New York City Office, dated June 12, 1934, in the matter of Nazi organizations in the United States.

The Division is of the opinion that every effort should be made to secure confidential informants, to be paid by and be responsible to the Division. These informants, of course, should be of a reliable character. There is considerable danger of adverse criticism in relying solely, or almost entirely, upon confidential informants or confidential information received from anti-Nazi organizations, as has apparently been done heretofore. The report of Agent Starr contains, seemingly, extremely little information which was the result of direct investigative inquiry or received from directly responsible confidential informants. Special Agent Starr appears to have reviewed the files of those who have made investigations into Nazi propaganda in the past, but very little appears to have been done to this date of an investigative character, by the New York Office.

The Division desires that you give this matter your personal attention, submitting detailed weekly reports reflecting the results of investigative activity in this matter.

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June 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley handed the writer the attached correspondence for discussion with Mr. L. B. Reed. It is noted that one of the Agents of the National Board of Fire Underwriters had advised Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski that he had turned over certain information to Special Agent Brent concerning Preety Boy Floyd and other criminals who are alleged to have been in the vicinity of Sumter, South Carolina.

Mr. Reed advised that at the time Agent Brent received this information, he had submitted it in the form of a memorandum and was advised to contact the informer of Mr. Bielaski's Agent. This informant turned out to be a State Constable, who was interviewed by Agent Brent and who advised that he had received his information from a woman informant of his whose name he refused to give.

The information which he gave at the time was not very definite and he did not give any leads upon which to proceed with an investigation. Consequently Mr. Reed states this information was kept in the file in memorandum form with a view to further developing it in the event the name of the State Constable's informant could be obtained. Subsequent efforts to obtain this informant's name from the State Constable were unsuccessful, he refusing to give this information.

Respectfully,

W. A. Smith.

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June 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Mr. Newman telephoned from Denver, Colorado today with regard to the angle of the Urschel case in which Mr. Lounsbury is interested. He stated they are keeping a close watch on all garages and have been out to various roadhouses which she is known to frequent, but have not been able to as yet to get anything definite. Mr. Newman stated he has an informant working in addition to the one who is working with Mr. Lounsbury, and the other informant is equally well versed in the matter and they expect some developments right away.

Mr. Newman inquired how much money he would be authorized to pay, particularly to Mr. Lounsbury's informant, who has mentioned that Brantley said he would give \$100 for information which would lead to the apprehension of the woman. I stated I was personally willing to pay \$100 for this. Mr. Newman states he is perfectly satisfied from the information which has come to him from the informant that this woman can be located within the near future. He stated that the stories which these informants tell check perfectly. I reiterated I was personally willing to pay \$100 for this information, and Mr. Newman stated when this woman is found the matter should be followed up to a logical conclusion. He stated they know another woman who is with her.

I advised that when this woman is located I desired that we have sufficient Agents to handle the situation, without police help.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Connelley called from Indianapolis. He says that during the summer of 1933 Dillinger had a hide-out at a place known as Jones Forks, about fifteen miles south of Louisville, Dillinger has been there, he understands, since leaving Crown Point. One [redacted] is a

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[redacted] has been an informant on liquor cases and has played straight. He offers to visit this place at Jones Forks and secure what information [redacted] has, staying there ten days at \$5 a day. Connelley wanted to know if I thought it would be advisable to incur this expense and I told him that in my opinion it would and to incur it unless instructed to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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June 13, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES,
with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
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Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of numerous letters from one [redacted] in which [redacted] claims that arrangements were made with you to pay [redacted] for his services in furnishing information regarding the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail.

The Division file reflects that on September 11, 1933, Assistant Director Harold Nathan sent a telegram from the Dallas office recommending the employment of [redacted] as a confidential informant for a period of seventeen days at \$6.00 per day, and that on the same date authorization was given to hire [redacted] as a confidential informant. However, in a letter dated at Dallas, Texas, September 12, 1933, Mr. Nathan stated that since requesting authorization to hire [redacted] an investigation had been conducted relative to [redacted] character and as a result of this investigation, it was not deemed advisable to proceed with this employment and it was requested that the authorization be cancelled.

Inasmuch as the Division file does not reflect whether [redacted] performed services for any length of time for the Division, it is requested that you advise whether [redacted] is entitled to any remuneration and for what services this money is due.

Very truly yours,

Director.
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June 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

With regard to the matter of the current investigation of Nazi activities, the Division notes your report fails to indicate the existence of any actual Nazi organization at the present time in New England. The New York City Office refers to Boston as having a branch of this organization. Will you please, therefore, make further inquiries with a view to establishing the accuracy, or otherwise, of this report.

The Division believes it might be desirable to establish a direct contact with some reliable informant who would be in a position to afford you accurate information concerning Nazi activities in New England. It is not desirable on important matters to rely exclusively upon information secured from outside sources or from informants connected with outside sources.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box
Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 16, 1934

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to my letter of even
date relative to the Nazi investigation, please be ad-
vised that the confidential informant mentioned therein
is a German whose surname is [redacted] residing on [redacted]
[redacted] who may be reached through telephone
number [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

JAMES J. WATERS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Director,
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Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to the Division's letter of May 7, 1934 with which was transmitted a copy of a letter received from [redacted] b7D [redacted] might be of value to this Division. [redacted] stated he had information that

He then advised that he thought he might be able to locate Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He stated that some years ago he had met Floyd in Tulsa on the street. He stated that if the Division would furnish him an answered card and an Agent as a driver he might be able to secure some information of value in Nowell County, Oklahoma where he believes Floyd would go, because [redacted] think the local authorities would not make any effort to take Floyd. He was informed that the Division is desirous of apprehending Floyd and was asked if he had any definite information as to the present location of Floyd, his friends, contacts and hideouts, and he stated that he had not but thought that if he rode around the country for a month or so he might be able to learn something of value.

From conversation by Agent Hall with [] it was apparent that motive was to be placed on the Division's payroll as an informant with little prospect of results. Agent Hall informed him that should he secure information that would result in the apprehension of Floyd, he, [] would be compensated but that he had no prospects of being placed on the Division payroll without any more assurance of results than he had indicated.

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[redacted] was furnished the address of the Oklahoma City office and told to contact that office should he secure any information. This he promised to do.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Kansas City

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June 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Division has reviewed the report of the Cincinnati Office, dated June 4, 1934, in the matter of the investigation of the Nazi movement in the United States.

It is believed that it might be well to secure a confidential informant who will be in a position to transmit reliable inside information concerning the functioning of the Nazi group in Cincinnati.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

With regard to your letter of June 2, 1934, in the matter of the investigation of Nazi activities in the United States, the Division believes it would be advisable to contact [redacted] who is mentioned by Immigration Inspector C. J. Wise as a possible informant. Direct information concerning a movement of this kind is, of course, more desirable than reports received from other sources, which might be prejudiced.

It would appear also advisable to make further inquiry into the incident referred to in page three of your letter, to the effect that the German Consul at Seattle, Dr. Reinhardt, at one time spoke to the student body of Oregon University at Eugene, Oregon, and after the speech distributed Nazi pamphlets. Detailed information relative thereto should be secured.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

In a communication received from the Division's Philadelphia Office, in connection with the investigation of Nazi activities, it is stated that on Saturday night, May 26, 1934, an informant proceeded to the Liddertafel Hall in Philadelphia and found there three large touring buses which he stated were from New York City. The informant states that the driver of one of these buses said he had brought from New York to Philadelphia some Nazi "shock troops" and that he had also brought over the same "shock troops" the night before. Included were women troopers. The license number of one of the buses, as recorded by the informant, is New York Q-41993, Kohler Coach Company of New York. The informant also saw two New York private cars, bearing license numbers Q-21-43 and Y-36-63.

Will you please conduct a special investigation with a view to ascertaining the identity of the individuals brought from New York to Philadelphia on that date, and any information obtainable relative to the individuals who defrayed the expenses of this trip.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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RE: BUREAU

June 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Purvis telephoned from Fort Wayne, Indiana, at 8:50 this morning. He stated that he wanted to call me from "down south," but couldn't. He stated that while he was in Fort Wayne last night, he received a call from a person who advised that "these people" were down there. When he arrived there, it was ascertained that a policeman had told him, Mr. Purvis', informant that he had a certain place covered - the home of the sweetheart of Copeland - and a Ford V-8 Sedan drove up in front of this place between 8 and 9 o'clock night. One man got out of the car, who fits Dillinger's description. A person across the street observing. The man who got out of the car was wearing dark glasses, which was very odd for that time of night. He went to the house, leaving the motor running, with the other man remaining in the car and returned immediately and left. The car was a new Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing an Illinois license. When he (the informant) got word of this, he went to the place. Soon thereafter a new Rockne automobile drove up, also bearing Illinois license plate. Mr. Purvis stated that he had checked this license plate, and ascertained that it belonged to a Ford Coupe instead of to a Rockne. The man in this car was "a big fat guy" according to Mr. Purvis, and doesn't fit description of anybody. Mr. Purvis said that Mr. Cowley knows this man's name and that he is from Illinois.

I asked Mr. Purvis if there is any reason to believe that Dillinger and Hamilton were in the Ford last night. Mr. Purvis replied that when he first received word, the woman told him she was positive that they were there, and she hadn't seen anybody. She received the information two ways - once from [redacted] who claims to have been a penitentiary of Dillinger in Michigan City; he told the woman that [redacted]

I asked Mr. Purvis if the woman had ever had [redacted] under surveillance or if we had any information about him, whereupon he stated that is being checked now, he having just received the information this morning. He advised that the woman also received the information from the policeman, who is the Chief of Detectives. However, the policeman didn't see these two men either, although his informant didn't stand now, it appears that no one has actually seen either Dillinger or Hamilton at this place. Mr. Purvis stated that last night he called back to obtain the license number, and asked her definitely if it was the Dillinger car, whereupon the woman stated she was positive. Mr. Purvis stated that of course if he had met this car on the road he would have a bad position because he would have done something about it, and that Dillinger to be in the car. The license plates were issued to Mr. Purvis didn't remember his name, this referring to the Rockne license number of the Ford is not known.

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Mr. Purvis stated that Mr. Connelley came up from Indianapolis and Mr. Cowley brought two planes over from Chicago. However, they have now left. Nobody knows that they were there, there being no one at the place where they landed. Mr. Purvis feels there won't be any publicity, although it had been necessary for him to talk to the police. I told Mr. Purvis that this incident seems to reflect upon the credibility of the informant. Mr. Purvis stated this informant told him the other day that these men had had somebody in a Catholic Monastery at Oldenville, Indiana, who stole two Sisters' habits, and that they are wearing these habits now. Mr. Connelley checked that and found there was no basis for the story. Mr. Purvis stated that of course he would be more skeptical about the information furnished by this informant in the future, but that he is still going to "dig for all he can get from her."

I asked Mr. Purvis about the status of the matter at Baraboo, Wisconsin, where Mr. Cowley had gone. Mr. Purvis stated that that place hadn't been opened for two years, and all materials such as laundry, had been sold at auction. I inquired particularly as to the man who was seen at a tourist camp yesterday morning. Mr. Purvis said the papers there indicate that Mr. Glegg says "it's not so hot." I suggested that Mrs. Randall, who lives in Chicago, may possibly have a photograph of her husband, and if he looks anything like Dillinger, that would probably account for the identification there. Mr. Purvis stated this man is supposed to be a salesman from Chicago, and the papers indicate that he has been identified.

I also talked to Mr. Purvis about the situation at Paris, Texas, with reference to the Burns people. I advised him that Mr. Gordon is still under surveillance, but that Delgado left Monday night for Chicago, and that we had dropped the surveillance on him. I told Mr. Purvis that I had tried to reach Mr. Cowley yesterday to discuss this matter with him. Mr. Purvis stated that Mr. Cowley is now on his way to Chicago, and suggested that I call him in regard to this matter.

Mr. Purvis stated that after resting a while this morning he will proceed to South Bend. He is having Agent Murphy remain in Fort Wayne to cover the place which he has been covering. This woman will contact Mr. Murphy if she gets any more information. He is checking everything possible to ascertain her credibility. Mr. Purvis will be at the Anthony Hotel in Fort Wayne, under the name of

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Respectfully,

El. A. Tamm.

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June 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your communication of June 4, 1934, relative to Nazi movements in the United States. There seems to be very little first hand information reflected therein, and in view of the importance of this investigation the Division desires that you give it your personal attention, rather than entrusting its conduct to Special Agent McDevitt. The greater part of your communication appears to reflect reviews of articles appearing in various newspapers or elsewhere. These may be of some interest, but the desire of the Division is that direct information be secured whenever possible. Direct information can only be secured, it is understood, through the employment of reliable confidential informants. In this connection your attention is invited to the somewhat vague information furnished by the informant mentioned in your communication. Frankly, the Division is uncertain as to the amount of credence to be placed in this informant. Apparently he does not understand German, as he reported a meeting, specified in your report, from the outside of said meeting rather than from the inside.

The Division suggests, if at all possible, that a capable person be located to furnish reliable specific information concerning the Nazi movement in Philadelphia and vicinity. It is also desired to point out that the information primarily desired in connection with Nazi activities is the extent, if any, of participation in these activities by representatives, local or otherwise, of the German government. Investigative inquiries should be directed primarily to securing information of this type.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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enclosure that this letter was secured by Dr. Tanneberg from von Gerhard, but that a photostatic copy of the original letter had been made. No photostatic copy is attached to the enclosure, and the existence of such a copy and its possession by the Division might prove of considerable importance. It is noted, in another enclosure, that von Gerhard is reported to have represented himself as having worked with the "Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice". It is believed that specific inquiries should be made by the Chicago Office of the Division along these lines.

In other words, the Division desires that some active effort be made to secure information other than the procurement of documents and their transmission to the Division at Washington for analysis here.

Under the heading "Audit" in one of the enclosures, is a statement purported to be report #60, indicating that Dr. Tannenbergl addressed a meeting of the German Office Clerks' Organization on January 26, 1934. The character of this organization might be ascertained.

The Division notes the suggestion on the third page of your letter of June 8th to the effect that in the event further investigation is desired in Chicago, it is suggested that [redacted] be reimbursed financially for their assistance. The Division does desire further investigation in this matter and authorized you in its previous communication to engage such confidential informants as necessary. The Division should be advised of any arrangements made with these or other informants, and desires that you give this matter your personal attention.

The Division is informed that an organization of the Friends of New Germany exists at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Will you please investigate this report and advise the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

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The Division is in receipt of the report of Special Agent McLaughlin of the Chicago Office, dated June 7, 1934, in the matter of the Nazi movement in America. This report contains practically no information secured by the Chicago Office through direct investigative activity. It does summarize at some length reports made by one [] and transmits summaries by [] of investigations made by him.

The Division desires that active steps be taken to secure, through confidential informants, information along the lines indicated by it in its letter of May 19th. The Division also notes that practically no effort has been made to develop information possibly possessing elements of importance in the enclosures transmitted to the Division. The principal object of any investigation of this kind is to determine whether German official governmental representatives, either in Germany or in this country, are engaged in Nazi propaganda work. Investigative activity should be concentrated along these lines.

In the matter of information transmitted with the Chicago Division Office report to which apparently no investigative attention has been paid, it might be pointed out that statements to the effect that the Consul and the Vice-Consul at Chicago have attended meetings of Nazi organizations are made therein. Any information along these lines would be extremely important, but the information in question should be secured by investigative activity on the part of the Chicago Office and not from a perusal of reports or letters made by other individuals or organizations. Any information in support of the statement contained on the third page of one of the enclosures transmitted to the Division, to the effect that one Victor von Gerhard received a letter from Dr. Mueller, Acting Consul General of Germany in New York, postmarked February 15, 1934, indicating that Reinhold, who claimed to be in charge of the German Intelligence Unit, was known to the Acting Consul, would be extremely valuable. It is noted that it is stated in this

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June 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall of the Detroit Office, dated June 5, 1934, in the matter of the investigation of the Nazi movement in the United States.

The Division is of the opinion that Agent Hall exercised questionable judgment in interviewing directly members of the Nazi movement in Detroit. It is desired that this not be done again.

It is further noted that considerable portion of the Detroit report consists of a review of field office files. This will, of course, not be necessary in the future. The Division desires that the Detroit Office conduct its investigative activity with a view primarily to ascertaining whether the organization in Detroit or elsewhere in the United States is fostered and aided financially and otherwise by representatives of the German government either in this country or abroad. With this end in view, the Division believes it might be well to consider the employment of a confidential reliable informant, who would not be connected with other organizations and would report directly to the Detroit Office, and whose reports would be of a reliable and material character.

Very truly yours,

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June 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the report on Nazi activities, the Division is informed by the New York Office that a local branch of the Friends of New Germany, a Nazi organization, is active in Rochester, Minnesota.

The Division desires that information be secured relative thereto. The St. Paul Office can avail itself of a confidential informant if this appears necessary.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

In reviewing the report of Special Agent Sackett of the Los Angeles Office, dated June 2, 1934. in the matter of the investigation of Nazi activities, the Division notes the apparent intention to rely for information almost solely on organizations antagonistic to the Friends of New Germany.

The Division feels it would be better and safer if a reliable informant was secured by the Division office at Los Angeles to report direct to Division officials there.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a letter from the St. Louis Office, dated June 4, 1934, relative to the investigation of Nazi Activities. Very little definite information is contained therein. It is believed that an attempt should be made to secure some information relative to the numerical strength of the Nazi organization in St. Louis, or information along similar lines. It would not appear to be sufficient to secure statements from individuals opposed to the Nazi movement, but it would appear more desirable to secure a reliable informant who could associate with the Nazi organization and advise relative to any developments of interest in connection with the functioning of said organization.

The Division is primarily interested in whether the Nazi movement in St. Louis or elsewhere is supported or directed, directly or indirectly, by German government officials, either in Germany or in this country.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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June 16, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1217;
JOHN HAMILTON with alias, I. O. #1220;
HOMER VAN METER, with aliases - I. O. #1222
ALBERT W. REILLY, with aliases - I. O. #1225;
LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases, I. O. #1223;
et al.,
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.
Obstruction of Justice
(Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitives.)

Dear Sir:

With reference to my telephone conversation with Mr. Harold Nathan from Indianapolis, June 13, 1934 as to the paying of \$50.00 (ten days @ \$5.00 per day) to [redacted] in conformity with such authority granted, we have arranged for Agent F. E. Hurley to pay this man for his services (he is starting on this work on June 14, 1934) and the money so expended will be claimed as confidential items in expense account of Agent F. S. Hurley, when paid.

This man, [redacted]
who lives up [redacted]

[redacted] is also friendly to and accepted by Frank Whitehouse who served with Dillinger at the Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana and was later associated with Dillinger, particularly in the handling of stolen automobiles as is reflected in prior reports of the Cincinnati office. It is possible that [redacted] can learn of the past activities of Dillinger and also learn if he is now there or comes into Jones Fork in the future. He will be able also to learn from these

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people anything they may know of the present activities of Dillinger.
through such as Frank Whitehouse [redacted]
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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

With reference to the attached communication from [redacted] and your response thereto, I am thoroughly in accord with the sentiment expressed in your letter to [redacted]. I have instructed the Los Angeles Division office not to employ this woman in any capacity.

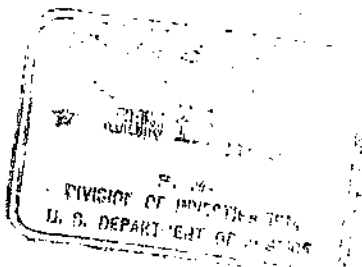
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director.

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My dear 

I appreciate your letter of June 3 and the memorandum which accompanied it.

Although we should like to have the benefit of your services, we are not now in a position to increase our personnel for investigations of the activities which you discuss.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

William Stanley,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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June 9, 1934.

What do you think of the
attached?

William Stanley.

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Hon. Wm. Stanley,
Assistant Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stanley:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter April 24
which I used as a recommendation to [redacted]

[redacted] has been most kind in trying to put me in what he calls
a proper place, but as he has not yet organized an Intelligence
Unit I have accepted [redacted] in one of [redacted]
[redacted] until a better opening appears.

There is another matter which I wish to bring to your
attention and because of its importance I have asked Charley
to hand you this letter with its enclosed memoranda rather
than to have it pass through regular office channels.

Thanking you again for your interest in our welfare,

Sincerely yours,

Signed: [redacted]

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Late in the summer of 1933 I became aware of the activities in California of an organization known as the "Silver Shirts." Copies of the first literature which came to me, I handed to my Congressman, Mr. Charles Kramer, and other copies I sent to the President's secretary and to your office. Since that time I have watched this organization and have long been convinced that there exists a very close relationship between it and the Nazi party.

Interested in this with me was Mr. R. Robert Carroll of Los Angeles, and together we were able to acquire a great deal of information concerning the conduct of various subversive organizations here. When it became apparent that the Dickstein Committee would conduct an investigation into the Silver Shirt and Nazi activities, pressure was brought upon Mr. Kramer to have Mr. Carroll put in charge of the California end of the investigation. This was done early in May of this year and Mr. Carroll has been doing very good work.

We have been associated in other investigations in the course of [redacted] and because much of the material which made it possible for him to secure the appointment [redacted]

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[redacted] It was necessary that I act informally inasmuch as there was no appropriation [redacted] This I have done and we have been able to pursue a definite course of inquiry that is getting at the heart of the situation.

It has been apparent to me however that the affair is entirely too large to be in the hands of a Congressional Committee, whose findings when they are made must be a matter of public record. The very publication of certain facts which we know exist and which we expect shortly to have in the form of tangible proof, would defeat any future attempt on the part of the government to stop the pernicious activities of these groups.

[redacted] Mr. Sackett, who in the absence of Mr. Dunn, local chief of the Division of Investigation of your Department, received orders from Washington to investigate these very activities. Having heard through Mr. Carroll [redacted] [redacted] Mr. Sackett discussed the situation very freely [redacted]

Because of the fact that I am of German extraction and can speak, write, read and understand German very well, I have been able to get into the confidence of the heads of the Nazi group here. They do not know my identity at all, and that will remain hidden as far as

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they are concerned. With many relatives still in Germany, I have been able to discuss intelligently the present conditions in that country, the Hitler program and the Nazi movement, in a way which has won the confidence of their leaders. They have invited me to become a member of the group and I have attended their secret meetings.

Mr. Sackett is quite convinced that if I continue along the present line of inquiry I will gradually be able to have access to certain documents which we believe exist, and which would permit the government to take definite restraining action. However within the last few days there has come from Washington advice to several other departments to make investigations of the selfsame activities. If the Secret Service Agents, the Immigration Department and the Department of Justice and the Congressional Committee are all to conduct separate investigations of the same thing at the same time, it looks to me as though the agencies will be investigating each other more than the main issue, and the result will be a great deal of useless work which will make a farce of the whole matter. If half a dozen agencies are in the field, each with a staff of investigators, there will be as much secrecy to the inquiry as though it had been advertised on placards and through the newspapers.

Another phase of my work which appealed very strongly to Mr. Sackett was the fact that I have been able to maintain close contact with the Silver Shirt group of which Mr. Pelley is the so-called "Chief." The activities of this order were formerly centered in Asheville, N.C., but have recently been transferred to California. Here they intend very shortly to start the publication of their weekly newspaper, "The Ranger," and because of my reputation

[redacted] I have been able to [redacted]
[redacted] There is a federal warrant out for Mr. Pelley who at present is in seclusion. Mr. Sackett agrees with me that this line of action on my part would develop something for the government.

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I do not feel that I could be of as great service to the Congressional Committee as I could to the Department of Justice. The committee has no authority to make raids or seizures of documents when the proper time comes. Even Mr. Carroll is handicapped because he has to constantly procure special O.K.'s because he has no power other than to act as a field representative.

I have discussed the situation several times with your good friend Mr. Ed. Forney of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit. Mr. Forney has known me for many years and is familiar with my way of working. He knows too that I do not imagine things and that I am inclined to be slow and cautious in order to avoid a false step. He agrees also that the investigation should be in the hands of the Department of Justice as it gives every indication of being one of the largest inquiries of a national scope which the department has ever been called upon to undertake. Other investigations have involved numbers of lives and huge amounts of property. This one may involve the fate of the nation.

I cannot tell you in a letter what I have been able to procure in the way of evidence, but I know that Mr. Sackett realizes that I have my hands on something genuine and highly important. [redacted]

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[redacted] he was sending a report to Washington (whether to Mr. Hoover or to your office direct I do not know) in which he would ask that the investigation be placed directly in the hands of his department with instructions to the other departments to give full co-operation when called upon. He said that he would also make a recommendation that my services be engaged by the department.

Knowing that sooner or later this matter would come to your attention, I have undertaken to lay these facts before you. If I can be of service to your department you know how sincere would be my efforts to give you the best that I have in me. However Mr. Sackett and I have agreed that my appointment would have to be anonymous to avoid any possible leak. There is evidence that even in high places in the government service are men connected with these subversive organizations and leaks do occur. If I am to do good work for you there must at no time be proof in existence that I am in the service of the department.

Therefore you will understand why I am sending this letter through Charley, why it bears no signature and why I make the further request that it be kept out of your office files.

Very sincerely, your friend.

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

BAA:HFB

June 4, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of May 26, 1934, to the Charlotte Division Office, enclosing copies of a letter dated May 22, 1934, addressed to the Division by Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski, of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John Street, New York City, New York, together with copies of a letter dated Sumter, South Carolina, May 18th, addressed to Mr. Bielaski by one of his Agents, wherein information is set forth concerning the operation of an alleged gang of kidnapers. In the latter letter reference is made to certain contacts of the gang at Savannah, Georgia, it being known for some time that Willie Haer and associates have been contacted from time to time by members of the St. Paul Underworld, and it is possible that members of the Barker-Karpis gang have been in the vicinity of Savannah, Georgia.

Pursuant to your instructions appropriate investigation was made at Savannah and vicinity by Special Agent L. E. Kingman. He has reported as follows:

The Haer gang and their associates in Savannah are well known to Agent Kingman. He is resident agent at that point. He visited Haer's saloon, which is known as the "Brass Rail" at Tybee Beach, which is about twenty miles from Savannah.

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He also observed all cottages, cars and people quite thoroughly and saw no one around who aroused his suspicions.

Agent Kingman has been observing the Hears and their associates for some time. Tybee Beach is not at all active this year. Most of the cottages are unoccupied. In Savannah during the past week Agent Kingman has visited "Bo Peep" Pool Hall on East Congress Street. This joint is operated by Wolf Silver, a Jew and close associate of the Hears. His place has always been a favorite hangout for liquor racketeers who have frequented Savannah in days past. At this place he saw no one that could be suspected as being a part of the mob.

The Hears and Wallace Sipple in Savannah are now devoting the major portion of their activities to the distribution of several brands of beer, with which they are working in the open. It is reported that their activities in smuggling hard liquor is a thing of the past since Repeal. The "big shots" in the liquor racket from Chicago and other Northern cities have ceased to come to Savannah to deal with the Hears.

In this connection Agent Kingman discreetly contacted

[redacted] both very intimate with the Hears but dependable informants of Agent Kingman. He also contacted in the same manner [redacted]. These informants know the Hears and their associates and advised that all the activities of the Hears are now confined locally, and that they are divorced, so to speak, from the national rackets and the big shot racketeers.

[redacted] is a very reliable informant of Agent Kingman, discreet and dependable. He lives at [redacted] and commutes to [redacted]. Ever since our investigation at [redacted] last fall to determine whether Richard Callatis was contacting the Hears at that point, [redacted] has been observing the goings and comings of any suspicious strangers or persons foreign to [redacted]. He advised that he has seen no one lately who could be suspected.

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[redacted] who is now [redacted] will report to this Office any person who visits Tybee and is intimate with the Haars or their associates, or any persons who appear to be connected with any of the gang.

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Agent Kingman has also visited several points on Wilmington Island where cottages are located and also the Walthour Golf Course. He reports that if any of the mob are in the vicinity of Savannah, they are indeed obscure and are hidden and have attracted no attention whatsoever.

It is believed that the agent of the Underwriters who reported this matter to Mr. Bielaski should be able to secure from his informant just where this gang "lay out" near Savannah is located. If his informant is reliable and dependable, would it not be possible for him to become the Division's informant if properly contacted by Division Agents?

Tybee Beach and other points near Savannah, as well as the Haars will be closely observed by Agents of this Office to determine whether any of this mob are living at these places or contacting the Haars. It is agreed that it would be possible and not altogether improbable for members of the mob to be in this vicinity and to be harbored by the Haars.

Very truly yours,

CC New York
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R.A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At 9:45 a.m. this morning, Mr. Sanford Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, contacted me by telephone relative to my conversation with Mr. Bennett of the Bureau of Prisons, yesterday, pertaining to the Division's desire to have Jean Crompton incarcerated in the Alderson Reformatory. Mr. Bates desired to assure himself that we had not made a mistake in our choice of a selected penal institution, it being Mr. Bates' recollection that we had another prisoner incarcerated in a Federal penal institution other than Alderson, who might serve as an informant in obtaining information from Jean Crompton. From my conversation with Mr. Bates, I concluded that the purpose of this call was to ascertain whether the Division had informants among the staff or officers of the Alderson Reformatory.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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P. O. Box 987
Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 16, 1934

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to my letter of June 11th, relative to the Nazi investigation.

Please be advised that last evening a confidential informant advised me that one Richard Hoegle, of Evergreen Road, Pittsburgh, is quite prominent in local Nazi circles. He is closely associated with the German newspaper "Volksblatt Und Freiheits Freund."

He is also, according to the informant, a close associate of Loible, the German Consul here, and is a leader of the Teutonia Männerchor, whose meeting place is on Rhineas Street.

An organization of Veterans of the German Army residing on the South Side of Pittsburgh decline to be influenced by Hoegle, who attempted to get control of the organization recently.

Another German by the name of Huechler, who may be located at 2913 Glendale Avenue, Brentwood, Pittsburgh, Pa., is a group leader in the local Nazi movement. Another leader is Franz Fritan. These groups meet every Friday night and their association name is Germania Bund. This organization has attempted to arrange debates with other Germans relative to matters of political interest, particularly socialism, communism, and Nazism, with the object of focusing attention on the movement and enlisting as many German sympathizers as possible.

The informant says that although he cannot definitely substantiate his allegations he believes that there is no question but that money from Germany is being spent locally for the dissemination of propaganda. The informant, although an ordinary workman, appears to be a [redacted] particularly from the German angle, and being a native German himself he stated that the activities of the Nazis here and in Germany appear to be

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exactly similar to those of the German Army Officers previous to the World War.

He stated that the most militant group is composed of former Army Officers who are desirous of retaining their former positions.

Another German by the name of Stockman, whose wife the informant states is a music teacher, was an aviator in the German Army during the War. At meetings of German people locally he has boasted of the number of Americans he has killed and the number he has forced to say "Kamerad".

Another leader in the local Nazi movement is one Goepfel.

The informant, within the next few weeks, intends to attend several meetings and I have asked him to ascertain definitely, if possible, the number of local Nazi sympathizers, the structure of their organization, its financial status, its connection, if any, with the local German Consul, and such other information as it may be possible to obtain.

He is of the opinion that there is no Nazi activity in West Virginia nor to the best of his knowledge has there been any developed in the northwestern part of Pennsylvania, being of the opinion that Pittsburgh may be the center of activity in this district with respect to the Nazis.

Further information will be furnished to the Division as it is received.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. WATERS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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318 Howes Building
San Francisco, California.

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June 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS:

It is desired to maintain in this office information on apartment houses and hotels gained while investigating other cases. It would be of considerable benefit to the office when information is received of fugitives being at certain apartment houses or hotels, to have a card on file showing the names of any persons connected with that apartment house, who can be relied upon to give information.

The names of managers of apartment houses, who would be confidential informants, of course, would be filed in the confidential informant file under their names, but at the present time, if information is desired concerning a particular address, no information can be secured unless the particular Agent knows that a certain manager is listed in the confidential file.

It would be helpful, therefore, if a particular address was listed, which could be referred to immediately when any investigation of a confidential nature would have to be undertaken at that particular address.

It is desired, therefore, that in the future, whenever contact is made with the owner or management of an apartment house, that a card be made out to be filed under this address, giving briefly the names of good contacts, or information showing that certain persons at that particular address can or cannot be relied upon.

E. P. GUINANE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc. Division.

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June 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted, herewith, are photostatic copies
of an undated letter addressed to the Attorney General by

[redacted]
[redacted] from which it will be noted that [redacted]
offers his services as an under-cover informant.

It is suggested that you contact [redacted] at
an early date with a view to developing him as a confi-
dential informant for the use of the Nashville Office
in the vicinity of [redacted] Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter to you dated May 11, 1934 concerning the employment of [redacted] as a confidential informant in view of the fact that he was said by [redacted] to know "Baby Face" Nelson personally.

For your information Mr. Cowley terminated the services of this informant on Monday, June 11, 1934, and I have paid him fully and he is not being reimbursed for any further services. I have arranged with this informant to continue to keep his ear to the ground and if he learns any valuable information he will communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Chicago this morning. He stated that an informant who has contacted Mr. Purvis through the Secretary of State of Indiana, got in touch with Mr. Murphy, at Muncie, Indiana, yesterday, and has been dealing through an attorney, whose name she refuses to give. She states that the attorney could "put Dillinger on the spot" in 24 hours. She has already been offered \$5,000, but says that \$25,000 has been offered, referring to the bill recently passed by Congress. Mr. Cowley asked if this bill would provide for a reward for Dillinger. I told him I believed a reward would be offered, but that it wouldn't be as much as \$25,000. Mr. Cowley called attention to the fact that we have offered her \$5,000. I stated that the Attorney General would probably make some public announcement on the bill. Mr. Cowley expressed the belief that it would be better if the Attorney General would allow the Division to handle the matter without any public announcement.

Mr. Cowley stated they will see the informant Monday relative to the amount of the reward. He wondered if arrangements could be made to include the amount which would be provided for in the bill, along with the amount offered by the Division, and tell her just what the reward would be. I told Mr. Cowley I felt we could find out from the Attorney General whether he contemplates issuing any reward and advise him, Mr. Cowley.

Mr. Cowley mentioned the fact that so far, the information given by this informant has not proved to be correct, and that there is nothing to indicate that she would be able to locate Dillinger except her word, which has not been good so far, but that if her alleged information is found to be of no value, we are "not out anything." I told him I would find out about the reward and let him know.

I asked Mr. Cowley what he thought of the story of Pat Cherrington to the effect that John Hamilton is dead. Mr. Cowley stated that of course we haven't anything to disprove it, but that, unfortunately, she didn't indicate where he is buried. He called attention to the fact that Cherrington hasn't always told the truth in talking to the Division Agents.

I also told Mr. Cowley of information received from Mr. Pennington yesterday to the effect that Mrs. Pennington's uncle, a doctor, who formerly resided in the vicinity of Cuba City, Wisconsin, is presently acquainted with the family of Lewis Piquette, the attorney who had represented Dillinger and some of his associates; that information had been received to the effect that Piquette has two brothers who operate coal mines in the vicinity of Cuba City, Wisconsin; and that possibly through arrangements made by this attorney, Dillinger and some of his associates may be harbored in that vicinity, possibly in some of the abandoned

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mine shafts; that Mr. Pennington stated he would have an Agent call upon Mrs. Pennington's uncle to obtain more definite information with respect to this matter, and have a report prepared. Mr. Cowley stated he believed this information was received while he was in Washington, that the matter was looked into, and the possibilities exhausted. However, he stated he would look into the matter.

Mr. Cowley inquired further as to whether we would be able to offer more than \$5,000 reward for the capture of Billinger. I told him I would find out and let him know. Mr. Cowley again stated that he felt it would be to our advantage if the Attorney General made no public announcement as to the reward offered.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Los Angeles, California
June 18, 1934

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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No. 6-2-34
W. R. Carroll
10/1/34*

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 11, 1934, having reference to my contacts with [redacted] who furnished this office information in connection with the investigation of Nazi activities in the United States.

[redacted] who is mentioned in my report dated 6-2-34, furnished the information to me with reference to this matter, he advised that Mr. R. Robert Carroll, who is an investigator for the House Committee, had considerable information and had been investigating the matter, and that a [redacted]

Before interviewing [redacted] I had the files of this office searched, but no information was obtained showing that [redacted] was known to this office. Carroll claimed that this woman had worked herself into a position inside the organization, and had considerable facts.

Your letter dated May 19, 1934, requesting this investigation, states that the services of confidential informants for the time being to obtain the desired information may be necessary, and an expenditure for that purpose will be approved. I, therefore, interviewed [redacted] for two purposes, namely, to obtain any information she had in connection with this matter, and to observe her for the purpose of determining whether she could be useful as a confidential informant. My impressions regarding her are accurately set out in my letter to you of June 2nd, and it will be noted therein that, as a circumstance for consideration in employing her, I state that she is close to R. Robert Carroll [redacted]

I first interviewed [redacted] at this office on May 28, 1934. I at no time mentioned the scope of the Division's investigation, other than to say that this office had been instructed to conduct an inquiry to determine the extent of the Nazi activities in this country. [redacted] had already evidently

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obtained the information from Carroll that [redacted] and she corroborated this information to a certain extent as a result of her investigations. Of course, during this interview I asked her questions involving situations and circumstances which had been mentioned by [redacted] in order to ascertain whether she had also observed those facts.

[redacted] was continuously injecting her opinion that this Division should take over the entire investigation of the matter. However, that was her opinion, and not mine, and I never at any time concurred in those statements or discussed with, or informed [redacted] of the Division's activities in connection with this investigation, other than to state that we were making an inquiry to determine the extent of Nazi activities in this country. b7D

I do not know, of course, the contents of [redacted] letter to the Department, but your attention is invited to the fact that this office received most of its information in connection with this matter from [redacted] [redacted] had already given H. Robert Carroll the benefit of all this data, and Carroll, of course, had acquainted [redacted] with all of the details. [redacted] therefore, knew the details of the data in [redacted] possession, and, therefore, it would logically follow that the information she furnished the Department would in substance be the same as part of the information contained in my report. [redacted] knew through her association with Carroll that the Secret Service, Immigration authorities and other Federal Agencies were seeking information in connection with this matter.

The only other time I talked to [redacted] after May 28th, was on June 1st, when she called me on the telephone and advised that she had attended [redacted] and had information she wanted to furnish. She called at this office on June 1st and furnished the information given in my report regarding the substance of what took place at [redacted] On this occasion I merely took the information, [redacted] doing practically all of the talking.

With reference to the statement made by [redacted] that I told her I had recommended her for employment by the Division, I wish to state that this was not the fact. [redacted] appeared very anxious to be employed as an informant and secure expenses so that she could continue on with her investigation. I informed [redacted] that, in the event the further investigation of this matter by this Division made it necessary for the employment of an informant, who had contacts inside the local branch of the Friends of New Germany, I would then consider recommending her for employment as an informant, and that in submitting my report to Washington regarding this matter, I would show in detail the information she furnished this office in connection with this matter.

I cannot understand how [redacted] in her letter to the Department, gives almost verbatim the words of my letter to you of June 2nd relative to this

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matter, because, of course, she was not present when same was
could she have seen it.

I wish to assure you that I at no time had any intention of impart-
ing information concerning the Division's activities in this matter, and that
the foregoing is as accurate an account of my conversation with this woman as
I can recall.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

425 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colo.
June 18, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases et al.
CHARLES WISCHKE--Victim
Kidnaping

Reference is made of my letter to you on June 8, 1934,
reporting developments of the investigation made at Denver in an
effort to locate Clara Feldman and her son Ed Feldman.

Since writing you I have maintained close contact with
[redacted] and
with [redacted] Also, with Inform-
ant [redacted] who originally gave [redacted] the information that
the Bates woman had been seen by him in Denver.

On June 6, 1934, [redacted] and I interviewed Charlie
DeJohn, owner of DeJohn's Vacation Night Club in Denver, at which
place [redacted] allegedly saw Clara Feldman the night of
June 3, 1934 as mentioned in my letter. I was introduced as a
newspaper reporter by [redacted] who was well known to DeJohn. The
latter stated that the persons in question had been there on
June 3, were unknown to him, and had never been seen by him before
or since.

In questioning Informant [redacted] as to the selection of
DeJohn's place for the meeting on June 3, he advised me that Clara
Feldman, whom he stated was well acquainted around Denver, had
selected this place.

[redacted] was questioned regarding his telephone call to the
York Hotel, Denver, from DeJohn's place and stated that he had
called a friend, one Captain Owens, who had resided here for a long
time and who was not acquainted with the Bates woman or knew
anything about the matter. Through telephonic communication it
was found that Captain Owens resides at this hotel.

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[redacted] advised that the night Clara Feldman and party were at DeJohn's, he attempted to secure the license number of their automobile but was unable to get a view of the license plates. He described the automobile as being a comparatively old Chevrolet Coupe. [redacted] further advised that Informant [redacted]

[redacted] to DeJohn's, but that he was the only one who had observed the car operated by these persons. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that the Feldman woman, while in Denver, was wearing a brown straw hat with a wide brim, tipped low over her eyes, and a tan dress. They advised that she kept her head down practically all the time so as to keep her face hidden.

The photograph of Ed Feldman forwarded to the Denver office by the Portland office under date of June 6, 1934, was exhibited to [redacted] both of whom advised that same closely resembled the young man they had seen with Clara Feldman at DeJohn's place, but that they were unable to positively identify this photograph. [redacted]

[redacted] consequently, it has been impossible to exhibit the photograph to him for identification purposes.

Special Agent A. R. Gere has made investigation with negative results at all Plymouth automobile dealers in Denver and vicinity. Photographs of Clara Feldman and her son were exhibited by Agent Gere to the managers of these concerns and the sales records were checked under all known names used by these persons. Also, questionable sales transactions were gone into. The Motor Vehicle records in the office of the Secretary of State, Denver, were also examined by Agent Gere with negative results.

On June 9, 1934 Informant [redacted] advised [redacted] and myself that at 3:30 P.M. June 8, [redacted] had observed the Feldman woman in a new black Plymouth Sedan bearing Missouri license plates; that this woman was driving this car between Logan and Pennsylvania Streets on East 20th Street in Denver. According to Informant [redacted] this woman was in the same automobile she was operating at the time he saw her in Denver the afternoon of June 8, 1934. On that occasion [redacted] also advised that at 6:45 P.M., June 9, [redacted] had observed the Feldman woman in the same Plymouth car parked at the curb at Lincoln and East 20th Street across from the Grant Hotel. [redacted] was interviewed and the same information was furnished by [redacted] with reference to having seen the Feldman woman on June 8. [redacted] described the Plymouth as being a new black sedan, having a red pin stripe around the body; they stated that this car was equipped with six wheels, two of them being mounted in tire wells on the front fenders. They both stated that when they observed the car near the Grant Hotel it possessed Illinois license plates but they were unable to obtain the numbers. [redacted] further stated that she was

unable to ascertain the number of the Missouri license which she believed to have been on the car when observed by her the day previous.

All garages in the vicinity of the Crest Hotel were checked but no trace of the car allegedly driven by the Feldmans could be found and no one was able to identify their photographs. Inquiry at the Crest Hotel also proved unproductive.

Saturday night, June 8, 1934, Agent Gere and I accompanied by [redacted] visited Joe's Cafe, 700 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, and several other night clubs mentioned by informant [redacted] as being likely places for the Feldmans to frequent. However, this woman or her companions could not be located and no trace of the Plymouth car could be recovered.

While Agent Gere and I remained outside [redacted] and the [redacted] went into [redacted] just outside of the city limits of Denver. [redacted] is well known and [redacted] and is now out on parole. After spending approximately an hour in this place, informant [redacted] who had become intoxicated, advised me that [redacted] Clara Feldman had been there the night previous and would be there again later that night. Accordingly, we waited at this place until 1:30 A.M. June 10, 1934 but this woman did not appear.

Following the experience of that night, I questioned [redacted] as to whether he had given informant [redacted] any money and he stated that he had given him considerable money and had defrayed his expenses in the past at numerous night clubs at which they had gone on information furnished by [redacted] to locate if possible the Feldman woman. [redacted] further stated that he had lost faith in [redacted] and somewhat doubted whether it was the Feldman woman they had seen at DeJohn's place on June 3, 1934. I again exhibited the photograph of this woman to [redacted] who stated that the woman he had seen somewhat resembled this photograph, but that he was not able to positively identify same.

On June 12, 1934, informant [redacted] advised me that he had met a former inmate of the Colorado State Pen, one Jack Boyle, who like himself was acquainted with Subject Bates and the Feldman woman. He took a ride with Boyle, driving the latter's automobile in view of the fact that Boyle was pretty well intoxicated. Boyle, according to [redacted] instructed him to drive out East Colfax Avenue, stating that he wanted to see a party out that way. [redacted] drove, according to his statement, to the U.F. Cabins, located at Xenith and East Colfax, almost to the city limits of Denver. Here Boyle told him to pull along the side of a parked car and much to his

surprise he observed Clara Feldman sitting in this car with a young man, who was unknown to him. He, [] spoke to the Feldman woman according to his story and Hoyle asked her how she was getting along, inquiring if she desired to "step out" that night. Thereupon she stated that she might go to the Palais Royale, a night club located at 1600 Pecos Street in Denver.

[] claimed that no further conversation was had with this woman and he and Hoyle returned to the downtown section of Denver.

[] stated that the Bates woman was wearing the same brown, straw hat she had on at DeJohn's place and he described the young man with her as being about 22 years of age, quite tall, and blond. He stated that this man was not the same individual he had seen with Clara Feldman at DeJohn's place.

The night of June 12, 1934, Agent Gere and I, accompanied by Informant [] went to the Palais Royale arriving at approximately 9:30 P.M. Agent Gere waited in a car, while the [] and myself remained inside. We waited until about 1:00 P.M. but the Feldman woman or her companions did not appear. During this time [] who appeared to be known by Dominic Lepore and others connected with the place, informed us that through conversation with one of these individuals he had determined definitely that Mrs. Feldman would be there that evening. However, she did not make her appearance. [] who had become quite intoxicated, finally admitted that she quite likely would not come.

On June 13, 1934, accompanied by [] and Agent Gere, I went to the U. P. Cabins, the place where [] had seen the Feldman woman on the day previous and suggested that she was quite likely stopping at this tourist camp. Inquiry was made at the camp by Agent Gere, who exhibited photographs of Mrs. Feldman and her son to the manager and his wife, both of whom advised that they had never seen these persons and they were positive no one had stopped in an automobile in front of their place the day previous as described by []. The records of this camp also failed to reveal any of the names used by the Feldmans.

It was obvious from conversing with Informant [] that he had been misleading [] for the purpose of getting entertainment for himself [] at various night clubs. I informed [] that I would pay him \$100 for information resulting in the location of the Feldman woman but that I did not wish him to waste any time in following out leads which he knew had no value. He promised to make discreet inquiry among his boozing friends and advise this office if he should secure any information of worth. [] questioned as to [] activities admitted that she did not have faith in all of his statements and attributed [] actions to the fact that he had been drinking heavily of late.

The night of June 18, 1934, Agent J. D. Swenson and the writer interviewed [redacted] owner of the [redacted] [redacted] whom Agent Swenson had met in connection with the case entitled "Waynard D. Baker, with aliases, et al; James O. Costin--Victim; Kidnaping; Denver File No. 7-2." [redacted] being on parole, is very cautious not to become involved in any trouble. He was shown photographs of the Feldmans and stated that he had never seen these persons and did not know them. He was questioned confidentially as to whether anyone had made inquiry relative to these people and stated that no one had approached him in this regard. He promised to be on the lookout for these persons and to notify the Denver office if they put in an appearance at [redacted]

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On June 18, 1934, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] called at this office. In the past this woman has furnished considerable information in connection with the above case. While here I exhibited to her a photograph of Clara Feldman without revealing her identity. She immediately identified this as being a photograph of Subject Bates' woman whom she knew as Mrs. Davis. She stated that she had last seen this woman in Denver approximately two years ago at the Junior Rooms, 1028 19th Street, which is operated by Max Herbert and his wife, Lillian. [redacted] stated she would be on the lookout for the Feldman woman and her companions and would notify this office in the event she saw them.

The Denver office will continue investigation of this matter and keep the Division advised.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. WERNER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Oklahoma City
Portland

File No. 7-7

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June 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Cowley at Chicago relative to the \$25,000 reward which an informant of Mr. Purvis is asking in connection with the Dillinger case, after I had discussed this matter with you. I informed him that you were of the opinion that the only reward which should be paid to anybody in connection with this case is whatever is announced by the Attorney General, and that the \$5,000 offered by the Division will be included in this amount. I told Mr. Cowley, however, that we do not know as yet just what the reward will be. Mr. Cowley indicated his basic policy in this connection will be \$5,000 at least, and as much more as the Attorney General sees fit. I told him he could assure the informant of \$5,000.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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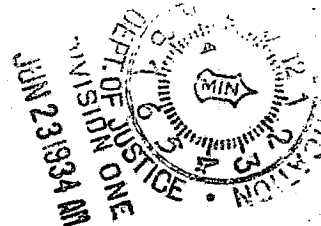
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H. J. LORSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois,
June 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT S. P. COWLEY

I am furnishing to you below all of the information obtained by me from [redacted]

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I proceeded to Muncie, Indiana and arrived there in the afternoon of June 11, 1934, and immediately contacted [redacted] at [redacted] informed me that John Dillinger was with Mrs. Catherine Virgil, Mrs. Trayler, and who also uses the name of Mrs. Mansfield, and was at New Castle, Indiana recently.

She states that Dillinger also contacts a place in the "red light district" of Muncie called "Nigger Charlie's." This colored person is named Charlie, and he furnishes cocaine and other dope, as well as whiskey to various people. He also has colored and white girls at his place. This is located between Elm and Jefferson on the north side of an alley and is a green house. It is also located across the street from the "Low Price" Filling Station.

A one-armed colored person by the name of Hawkins is said to bring dope into Muncie and is said to deliver it to the place called "Nigger Charlie's."

She also informed me that Hamilton has a half-brother or a half-sister in Michigan, just above the Indiana line, and that this person is located out in the country.

She also stated that Dillinger and his outfit go to Indian Lake, Ohio, which is 20 miles from St. Marys, Ohio, and at which latter place the parents and relatives of Makley are said to reside.

She informed me that a previous contact had been made by Mrs. Virgil at a log cabin hot dog stand located about 6 miles east of Muncie on Indiana Highway No. 21, and in recent conversation with [redacted]

[redacted] I located this log cabin hot dog stand on the same afternoon above-mentioned and I also located a place which might possibly be the cabin where they might contact at a point west of the above-mentioned log cabin. This latter-mentioned

cabin is about 3 miles east of Muncie on Highway No. 21 and there is a cabin located about a half-mile from the road. At the time I went past this place there were two unidentifiable automobiles there and it does not appear to be a refreshment stand or a roadhouse. It rather appears to be a dwelling place for some farmer.

At 826 West 11th Street, Muncie, is the home of Howard Coar. His telephone number is 4862J, and behind this house is an eight-car garage which apparently is not needed at this point. The fact that there is room for eight automobiles appears to be suspicious, although none could be observed in the garage at the time I investigated at that point. I am informed by [redacted] that Coar is in the slot machine racket and that she believes that Dillinger and his gang would contact at this point. She is able to question Coar inasmuch as she has played bridge with him and his family. She will secure information at this point and inform this office.

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She also informed me that Sam Everts was in Michigan City and was a cellmate of Dillinger at the time the latter was incarcerated there. Everts is a small person with one arm and a dark complexion. It is suggested that the Michigan City records be checked immediately to determine who Everts is.

This informant also stated that Dillinger has a Ford and a Chevrolet truck and that she understands that one of them is painted an orange color and that they paint it at frequent intervals. It will be recalled that this coincides with information furnished by [redacted] Special Agents were stationed at Fort Wayne. I should say that this information coincides with that information to the extent of Dillinger's and Van Meter's having had a Ford truck painted red and indications being that it was a crude paint job and showed signs of having been recently painted.

For your further information, this informant stated that one Dr. Spickerman was formerly a resident of Muncie, Indiana, and that he had been sentenced to Leavenworth for his connection with the stolen bonds in the Gerald Chapman case. She later learned that Spickerman was in Muscatine, Iowa, where he had established a cancer cure clinic. She understands now that this clinic has been broken up because it is a fraudulent organization. She does not know where Spickerman is at the present time but stated that he gets his calls from a drug store located at 83d and Hyde Park Avenue, Chicago, or at 68th and Hyde Park Avenue, Chicago. He lives at one of these points and the drug store is at the other. She is unable to determine which.

Previously, she received information from the Dillinger gang [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining [redacted]

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At that time, which was several months ago, [redacted]

[redacted] She does not know whether they were hiding out in this region or whether this was merely where [redacted]

For your information, Special Agent J. V. Murphy and I proceeded to this lake and cruised the section for the purpose of learning something about the terrain and also for the purpose of observing anything that might develop.

In view of the previous information received through Special Agent in Charge Larson's informant and this information, it is my very definite belief that Dillinger and his outfit are in and out of this lake region, and I suggest that two Special Agents be assigned to rent a cottage at Lake James and to rent a boat for the purpose of cruising round the edge of the lake to determine any information possible. It is not my belief that their investigative activity should be confined to the border of the lake inasmuch as at some points it is very thickly settled with cottages. It is possible that these men might use this point as a contact point and still have a place located in the woods further away. It is therefore my belief that the Agents assigned to this duty should be instructed to cover the entire inquiry in an undercover fashion.

For your further information, informant [redacted] stated to me that [redacted] Dillinger and one other member of his gang had now procured two sisters' habits, which are worn by nuns of the Catholic religion. She states that these were stolen by someone from the Oldenburg, Indiana Monastery. This has since been checked by Mr. Connelley and has been found to be untrue and I have not confronted this informant with this fact.

Regardless of the fact that it appears to be untrue that the habits were stolen at Oldenburg, I believe it is still possible that they might be using sisters' habits.

For your further information, when returning from Lake James Special Agent J. V. Murphy and I met a car with three Catholic nuns in it and we immediately turned around and followed them and found that they were not Dillinger nor any of his gang but were really nuns.

This informant has also stated to me that there is a theatrical man in Chicago who has made a gray wig and a gray beard for Dillinger, and she also stated that he tapes his eyes in a certain way to make his face show wrinkles in order that he might appear to be old.

This informant also stated to me that she had previously been contacting Chief of Detectives Harry Nelson at Muncie, Indiana, and when I informed her that if she intended to work with me she would have to work with me alone, she stated that she would be entirely willing to do so. However, on the night of June 18th, I received a call from this informant at Fort Wayne at which time she stated that Harry Nelson had informed her that Dillinger and one other person had stopped in the home of Mildred Durke, who was the former sweetheart of Harry Copeland in Muncie. This woman, Mildred Durke, lives at the corner of Howard and Monroe Streets in Muncie. She stated that Chief of Detectives Harry Nelson was at that time covering the house or having it covered. I inquired of her as to how positive her information was and she said that she was positive that Harry Nelson, the Chief of Detectives, had been working on the matter for some time and that he had stated to her definitely that an informant of his [REDACTED] had informed him that a Ford V-8 sedan with yellow license plates, numbers unknown, had driven up to this house between 8:00 and 9:00 o'clock that night.

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One man, wearing dark glasses, had gotten out of the car and had run into the house while the other man sat in the car with the motor running. The man remained in the house for only a few moments and came back and the car left immediately. Later, a new Beckme automobile stopped at this house and this car bears Illinois 1934 license plates 488-984. She therefore informed me in a later call about ten minutes later that this was the car in which the men had previously driven up to this house and which car could have been mistaken easily for a Ford V-8 sedan. She was very positive in her statement that this car contained the Dillinger outfit and stated further that if they left Muncie that night they would undoubtedly take Indiana State Route No. 3, going north toward Fort Wayne.

Mr. Murphy and I then communicated with Mr. Cowley at the Chicago office and left immediately for Muncie and proceeded directly to [redacted] house. She stated that the Rockne automobile was still there and while talking to this informant, Harry Nelson and another policeman named Pete Ferguson, came up and stated that the man who had arrived in the Rockne automobile was still there and that the car was parked a block or so away from the house. They had observed this man through the window in the light and found that he could not possibly have been any of the Dillinger crowd, because he weighs 220 pounds or thereabouts and is over 6 feet tall. This car has been traced to one Orlo L. Weller, address, Dundee, Michigan, whose occupation has been given as a traveling photographer. In this connection, please refer to the letter of the Detroit Office dated June 14, 1934.

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Subsequent to my departure from Muncie, [redacted] called Special Agent J. V. Murphy at Fort Wayne and informed him that [redacted] which is about an hour after we had left Muncie. [redacted] until about [redacted], according to the latter, and stated [redacted] Dillinger and Homer Van Meter at Platt on Highway No. 1 the night before at about 1:00 A.M. [redacted] they were going north to the lake and were going to pull a job [redacted] John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter were in a Ford V-8 Sedan and [redacted] says that she is going to go up to the lake about [redacted] and will let [redacted] know of developments. [redacted] will inform Mr. Murphy.

[redacted] first wanted to know when she called if any government men were left in Muncie, stating that some of her neighbors had called and said government men had made inquiries about her. Mr. Murphy told her none were there and she stated it might be a H.O.L.C. federal man, but she apparently wanted to be absolutely sure before going any farther with her contacts. She stated she would go ahead and see Harry Nelson and would call Mr. Murphy later.

My impression is that her anxiety as to whether any government men were left in Muncie might be interpreted in either of two ways; first, that she desired to determine that no government agent would make inquiries which would upset the plans as they are at the present time, and, second, that she might desire to definitely know whether any government men are in Muncie in order that she might be free to make any contacts which she might desire to make in the event she is not shooting on the square.

While it will be seen from this memorandum that the information relative to the theft of the sisters' habits at Oldenburg, Indiana has been checked and found to be untrue, it can also be seen that this informant has given information which apparently coincides with information given by Special Agent in Charge Larson's informant. I do believe that the center of activities for the Dillinger outfit is in the section embodying Muncie, Fort Wayne, Angola and the lake section of Indiana above Angola.

I suggest that two men be sent to Lake James as soon as possible in order that they might become entirely familiar with the terrain of the country and develop any information possible there.

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M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Information from a confidential source, set forth in the attached report entitled NAZI ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, Miscellaneous - ANTI RACIAL AND ANTI AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, submitted by Special Agent George J. Starr, dated June 21, 1934, was received from [redacted]

[redacted] regarding whom I communicated with you with the idea of utilizing him as a regular confidential informant. The man who accompanied him to this office, and from whom the information regarding the German Legion was obtained is [redacted]

[redacted] and himself a former member of the old German Legion.

The report from which the information was taken pertaining to Nieland of the German Embassy was a report in the files of [redacted]

Very truly yours,

F. X. PAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

June 19, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to Division letter of 6/13/34 concerning one [redacted] who is claiming he made arrangements with me to pay him for services in furnishing information regarding the ESCAPE OF HARVEY J. BAILEY from the Dallas County Jail:

[redacted] is in error in making such statement, as no such arrangement was made with me. [redacted] did assist agents E.J. Dowd and C.A. Whitten in that investigation and arrangements were made through the office of the U.S. Attorney with the Department whereby [redacted] would be paid as an expert witness; but subsequent developments made it inadvisable to call [redacted] as a witness. However, he was tendered the expert witness fee for his attendance, which he declined to accept - claiming a larger amount.

It is true, also, that [redacted] did render valuable assistance in connection with the investigation and probably it would not be amiss to recompense him in some degree, but his claim for a period of 17 days at \$6.00 per day is unreasonable.

Agent Dowd is thoroughly familiar with all negotiations between [redacted] and himself, but he is absent in the field at this particular moment, and when he returns I will take this matter up with him and advise the Division of his recollection of the matter.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

June 20, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to confidential informant [redacted] who came to St.Paul from Chicago and who recently disappeared for a period of several weeks, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum dated June 12, 1934, submitted by Special Agent R.C. Coulter relative to an interview with this informant, under the name of [redacted], by Special Agents Coulter and Nicholson.

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Very truly yours,

H.H.CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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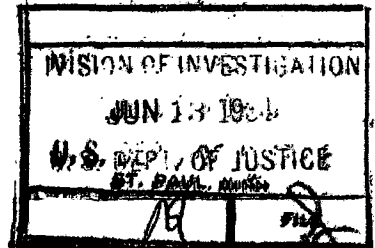
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St. Paul, Minn.,
June 12, 1934.



Memo: To File:

[redacted] met me at Room 505, Hotel St. Paul, this morning, at which time he stated he had been "on the road" with [redacted] and that he is now staying at [redacted]

He stated a lot of heavy men are coming to town to rest up; that Tommy Nelson and Tommy Dolan, old members of the Tunhy mob [redacted] He stated that neither of these men are wanted anywhere, and that he thinks they are here to get a mob together; that he is close enough to Nelson to know what he does, and will advise this office. He stated Nelson is 52 or 53 years old, but looks about 40.

So far as he knows, Harry Sawyer has not returned, and he has heard no comment as to where he might be. He claimed he did not know the Barkers; Karpis or Lester Gillis, whose photographs were exhibited to him; that Vick Allen, who runs the beer parlor near [redacted] told him that Gillis formerly came to his place at intervals.

This man seemed to be well supplied with money, and during the conversation he stated he had [redacted]

[redacted] Claims he does not know who originally brought Carroll to St. Paul, although he has been [redacted] Also does not know who Lester Gillis' connection might be here.

Informant says it is generally believed that Dillinger was struck by a bullet while escaping from Little Bohemia, and that he died, but has no further facts. He thinks he will get into [redacted] soon, but gave no information as to [redacted] Also that it appears that Frisco Dutch will have the run of the town, after the new Chief is appointed and that anyone who wishes to stay will be welcome in St. Paul, provided they register with the police, however no word has as yet been received for them to register

Informant further advised that Jack Davenport has opened the Third Street Buffet at 301 Hennepin Ave., and that [redacted]

[redacted] that Jack Pfeiffer and Davenport are interested in the Limer store run by Bennie Harris at 4th and Wabasha in St. Paul. Sp. Agt. [redacted] was present during the interview. Informant did not ask for money.

Says he will report any information of value he receives. *CC Conster Special Agent,*

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.

June 20, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division communication dated April 23, 1934, concerning the establishment of confidential underworld contacts. Undoubtedly, ex-convicts and other people who frequent the underworld are sometimes in possession of valuable information concerning persons who are being sought and sometimes are in a position to know when certain crimes are to be committed by individuals with whom they are closely associated.

I believe that it is usually found that when a gangster informs on another person of similar character, that it occurs principally through ill feeling. Hence, it is my suggestion that when it is deemed advisable to attempt to contact an underworld character for information concerning a person sought, it would be well to make such inquiries as are necessary to determine who are the subject's friends and who are his enemies. This can usually be established through an under-cover inquiry among the criminal element.

I have instructed the Agents of this office to try to develop certain taxicab drivers as informants. Many of these individuals are usually familiar with the majority of underworld establishments and with a little consideration they could furnish valuable information, when they are fully assured that their activities in this respect will not become known. Also it should be borne in mind that certain members of the Police Department usually have established themselves well with certain underworld characters for the purpose of securing information, and through contacts by the Agents with these police officers, I have found that they will usually make known in some way the identity of some of their informants and will discuss certain cases in which these informants have shown satisfactory results. I believe that Agents should carefully watch things of this sort and when the name of a police informant has been picked up, that an effort be made to develop him for this Division.

It is, of course, realized that to a certain degree, jealousy exists among members of a police department to the extent that one member will not furnish another the name of a good informant. However, I have found it is not very difficult for an Agent of this Division to develop the friendship of an officer and in that way secure much valuable information. It must be remembered that a police officer, particularly in the Detective Bureau, who has been on the force for a period of fifteen or

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eighteen years, continuously, in one city, where he has become acquainted with a great many characters, has had a fine opportunity, over a period of years, to establish informants. In a great many instances, I believe the informants probably do the majority of the work for these police officers, who are inclined to exert themselves as little as possible when working on a case, depending almost entirely on the information which they secure from their underworld contacts.

Corroborating the above, I might state that recently in Detroit, while making an attempt to secure the services of an informant in the Dillinger affair, I talked to an old lieutenant attached to the Hold-up Squad. He immediately gave me the name of a woman in Detroit who, in 1927, furnished him very reliable information where he could find two bank robbers who were badly wanted at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Through the information furnished by this woman, the men in question were apprehended. He stated that he recalled that this woman had talked to him about one John Hamilton, who was also alleged to have been involved in the crime at Grand Rapids, and immediately furnished me the name of this woman and her address. I called upon her and she at once identified the photograph of John Hamilton in the Dillinger case as being the individual with whom she had been acquainted in Detroit several years ago, but that she had not heard from him during recent years and unless he came to Detroit, she would probably not be able to give any information of value regarding his present location. This matter, of course, did not materialize, but it goes to show that the old police officers can furnish the names of good informants if they so desire. I personally believe that this is one of the finest ways to develop underworld contacts.

Also, these police officers in many instances are very friendly with operators of underworld joints and they could introduce an Agent of our Division to such persons and in that way an Agent could strengthen his contact. With respect to the above, I believe it would be well for Agents, while casually talking to inspectors in charge of police precincts and other superior officers to learn from such persons the names of the officers who have established very good records and who seem to be well contacted with the crime element. Such inquiries would not be a difficult task and I believe it would be well worth while.

Agents when questioning a criminal under arrest who appears to be well established with the underworld should take advantage of all of the information which he can possibly obtain from such a criminal, even though it has no direct bearing on the instant case. In other words, we will take the case of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is noted from the report that he gave considerable information about other bank robbers, kidnappers and criminals with whom he had been associated. Much of the information which he furnished, although it

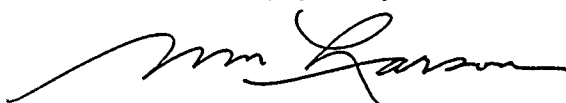
had no direct connection [redacted] will undoubtedly prove valuable in the future, particularly with respect to bank robberies.

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However, in securing such information from a person under arrest and who is inclined to talk, the Agent interrogating the man should be able to talk intelligently to him about underworld characters. Therefore, I believe that all Agents in this Division should acquaint themselves as much as possible with the identity and activities of noted criminals who are at large.

I have informed the Agents of this office that their initiative and efficiency to a great degree depends upon their ability to establish good contacts and it is my suggestion that this point be stressed to all of the appointees going through the training school at Washington, if it is not already done. It is my contention that a good Agent will be on the alert at all times to strike up an acquaintance with a person whom he feels is in position to furnish valuable information.

Very truly yours,



WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 2344,
Boston, Mass.

June 21, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

[Handwritten signature]
DANIEL C. MULLONEY, et al,
FEDERAL NAT'L BANK OF BOSTON,
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. JUN 22 1934
JURY INVESTIGATION.

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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of June 6, 1934, Special Agent W. J. West, of this office, reported to Mr. Irving McCann, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, at Boston, to conduct the above investigation, and the following is a resume of developments to date:

[Handwritten: "See page 10"]
Inquiries have been made of seven members of the jury who were reported as having been favorable to the Government's case. Six of those interviewed voted for conviction on one or more ballots while the seventh always voted for acquittal. Four of the six voted for conviction until the very last ballot when, after being out some twenty-eight hours, they changed and voted for acquittal on the last ballot. To sum up the jury situation, it now appears that some six to eight ballots were taken during the twenty-eight hours consideration of the case. The first ballot was seven for the Government and five for acquittal. At some time during the portion of the first day the jury was out two changed their votes to acquittal, making it then five for the Government and seven for acquittal. During the portion of the second day the jury was out one other vote went for acquittal, making it eight to four for acquittal, and thus it remained until the final ballot for "not guilty".

In its charge to the jury the Court in discussing the power of control held by the defendant charged that if it were found he had no power of control then the verdict should be "not guilty", while if it were found he had power of control and the facts in each of the counts going to the jury were substantiated then the verdict should be "guilty" as to each count found to be established by the evidence. The jurors stated they never reached consideration of the individual counts as they could not, until the last ballot, agree whether or not the defendant had that

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power of control. The juror, Daniel C. Sullivan, of Concord, Mass., who has not been interviewed and who comes from the town in which resides the chief of counsel for the defendant, was active from the outset in voting for acquittal. Those interviewed thus far claim that no political, racial or religious arguments entered into the considerations.

○ Mr. McCann advises Agent West that he was told by a confidential informant, whose name will be furnished the Division under confidential cover, that one Edward P. Murphy, of Charlestown, Mass., a former member of the Legislature who has been out of employment several years and making "touches" of friends, recently displayed ten \$500 bills to hangers-on about the City Hall, Boston, and stated it was "Mulloney money". The same informant claimed that Murphy boasted he had bought \$2100 worth of furniture at the Houghton and Dutton Department Store, had given his wife a \$500 ring, and had hired a summer cottage. That informant further claimed that one Roy Green, a resident of Somerville, Mass., but employed at the Boston City Hall, is supposed to have been mixed up in the transaction and just had his house painted; while the informant further claimed that one David J. Brickley, of Wollaston, Mass., a brother of a former law partner of Judge McLellan, who sat on the case, "was very active in fixing this jury". No other details up to the present are available but Mr. McCann is seeking to arrange with the informant for an interview by Agent West, or, if that is not agreeable, the submission of more explicit details.

Inquiry made by Agent West of the Houghton and Dutton Co., brings the information that on June 4, 1934, the above Murphy purchased three items of dining room and bed room furniture in the amounts of \$204., \$49., and \$140.46, and on June 9, 1934, purchased a small table for \$1.49, a total of \$394.95, which was paid for in cash.

Today Agent West was called into a conference between Mr. McCann and U. S. Attorney Ford concerning the case. Mr. Ford had previously reported to Mr. McCann he had word from a representative of a broadcasting station here that there was comment that the jury had been tampered with. Mr. Ford advised that the person referred to is a Mr. Bickford, of the Yankee Network, Station WHAC, here, and that after talking with Mr. Bickford he was satisfied in his own mind that Mr. Bickford had no evidence but was seeking information for a story. Mr. Ford also advised that his office had received an anonymous telephone call to the effect that Mr. James Tighe, former Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal, who had held that office for twenty years or more up to some months ago, was involved in the action of the jury, but discounted that.

It is desired to advise that Agent West before going into the conference with Mr. Ford and Mr. McCann was advised by Mr. McCann that he should not disclose to Mr. Ford any of the information that he, McCann, had received concerning Edward P. Murphy and, consequently, when asked by Mr. Ford if he had obtained any evidence of jury-tampering answered in the negative. In view of the fact that the Division's letter of the 6th instant instructed that Agent West report to Mr. McCann, and in view of the fact that Mr. Ford is U. S. Attorney in this District, this office will be pleased to have the Division's instructions as to whether if called upon again by the U. S. Attorney as to the progress of the investigation complete disclosure shall be made to him of all the facts developed.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKRAN,
Special Agent in Charge.
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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

June 21, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALLEGED CONTEMPLATIVE KIDNAPING
OF HOWARD A. WOLVERTON OF SOUTH
BEND, INDIANA. 7-82.

Please be advised that confidential informant [redacted] informed me by telephone on June 18, 1934, [redacted] the alleged contemplative kidnapers of Mr. Wolverton, or some of his family, and that they now have an airplane located at some point out of Cleveland, Ohio, where it is being overhauled and repainted. She advised that the gang, who are contemplating the kidnaping, [redacted] do not intend to kidnap any of the Wolverton family for the next ten days. She stated that the gang apparently intended to kidnap some girl in Toledo, Ohio, but as yet her identity has not been determined.

Mrs. Wolverton called at the office on the afternoon of June 19, 1934, at which time she stated to me that her daughter, Betty, age 14, was going to Pinewood Camp at Brutus, Michigan, near Petoskey, on July 3rd, 1934, and that this camp is managed by Miss Tuttle. I will discuss this angle with Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner prior to the time the camp opens and I will instruct him to confer with Miss Tuttle to see that proper precautions are taken that the Wolverton daughter is not kidnaped and also to secure information concerning the duration of the camp. Incidentally, Mrs. Wolverton informed me that on June 15, 1934, a tall, dark complexioned, dark haired person was standing in front of her driveway and that this man, as she passed, turned and smiled at her. She stated she did not know him, and while this man might be one of the gang, there is no definite information in this respect, and you will note that the descriptions of the Subjects are very meagre. I advised Mrs. Wolverton that proper precautions should always be taken, particularly in view of the fact that it is much better to be overcautious than sorry and she stated that while the family is not nervous or tense concerning the situation they will continue to take precautions with respect to guards.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. HENRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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[REDACTED] PRODUCED NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPH RICHARD

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HE SAW GALATAS AT SPRINGS THAT GALATAS STAYED IN A HIDING POINT
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AND TEN DOLLARS PER DAY FROM DEPARTURE [REDACTED] TO RETURN WILL
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